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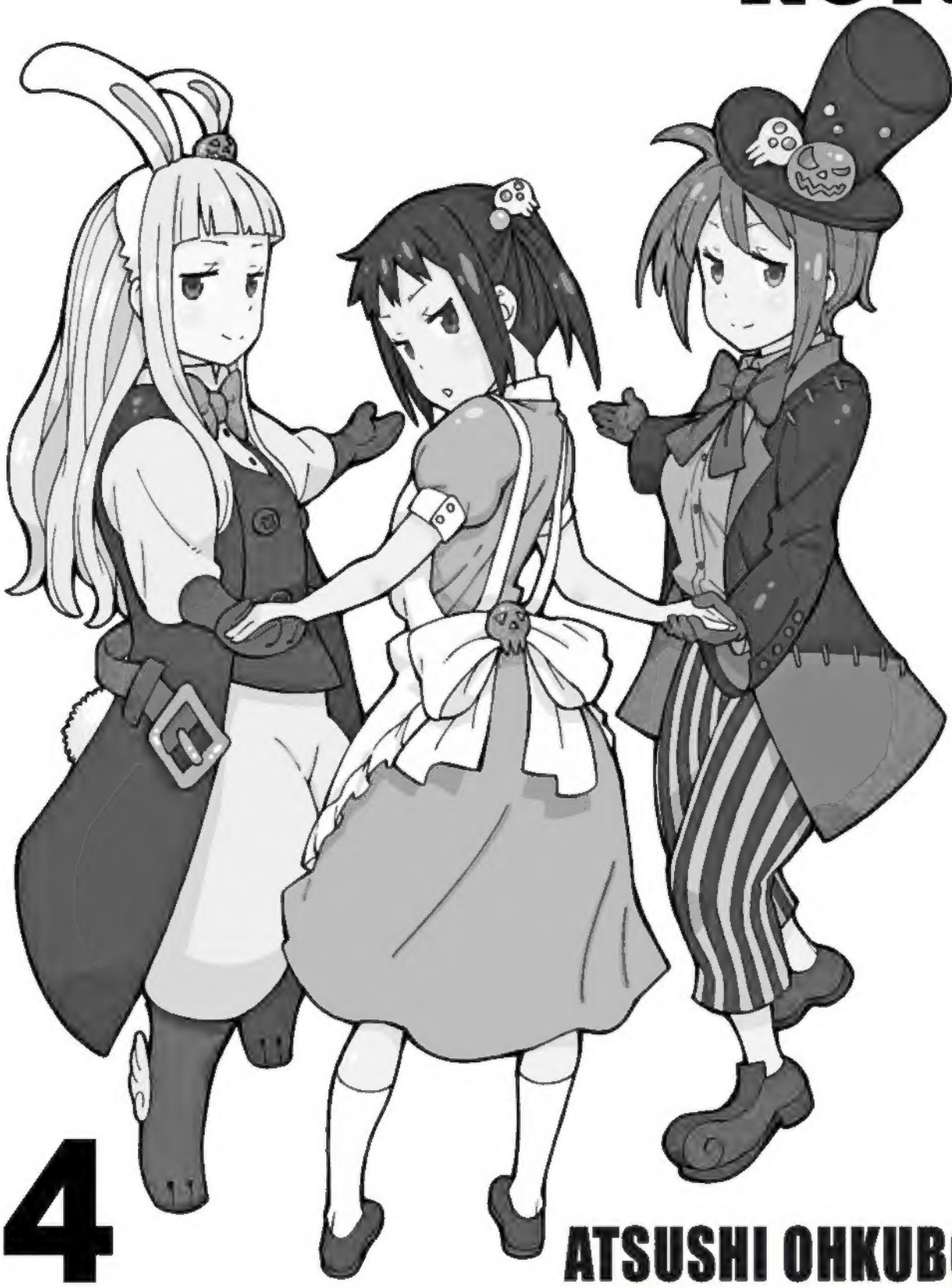

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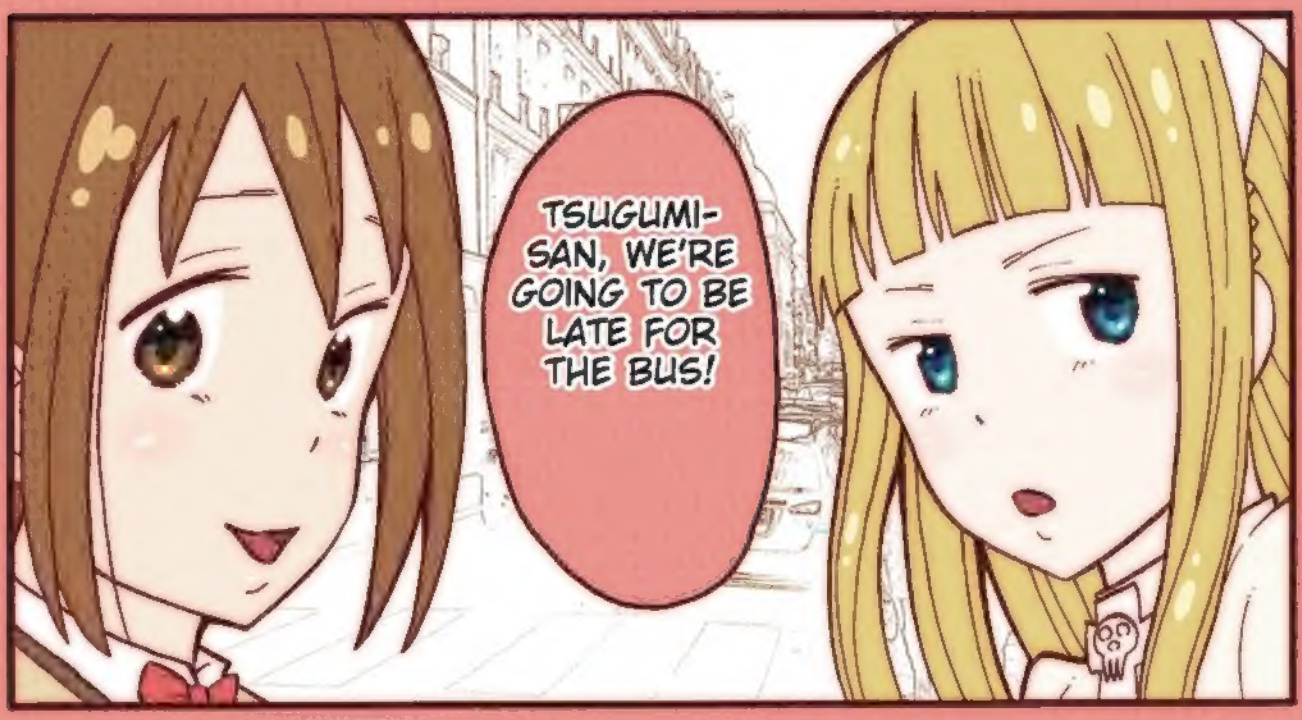
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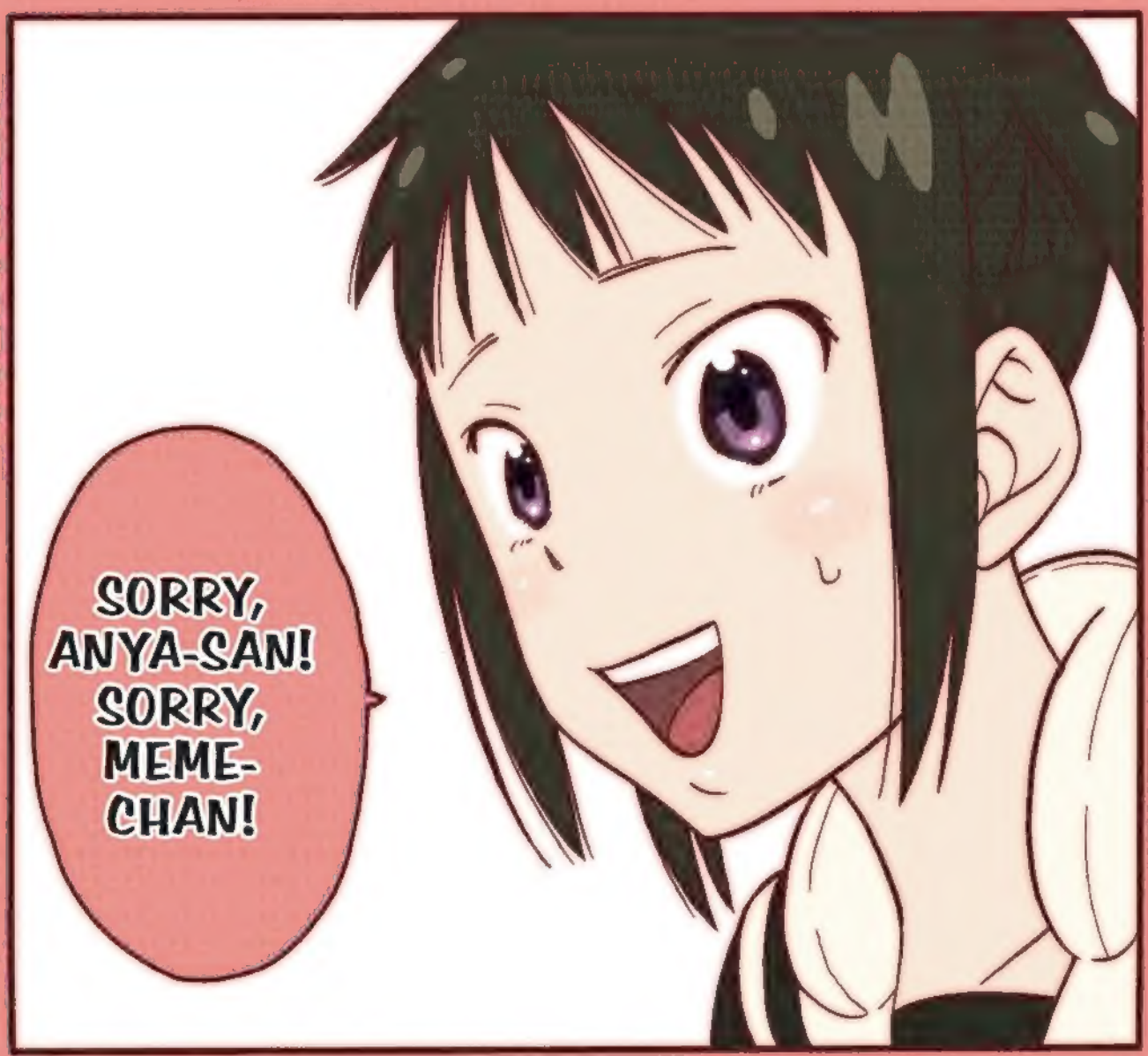
SORRY, ANYA-SAN! SORRY, MEME-CHAN!

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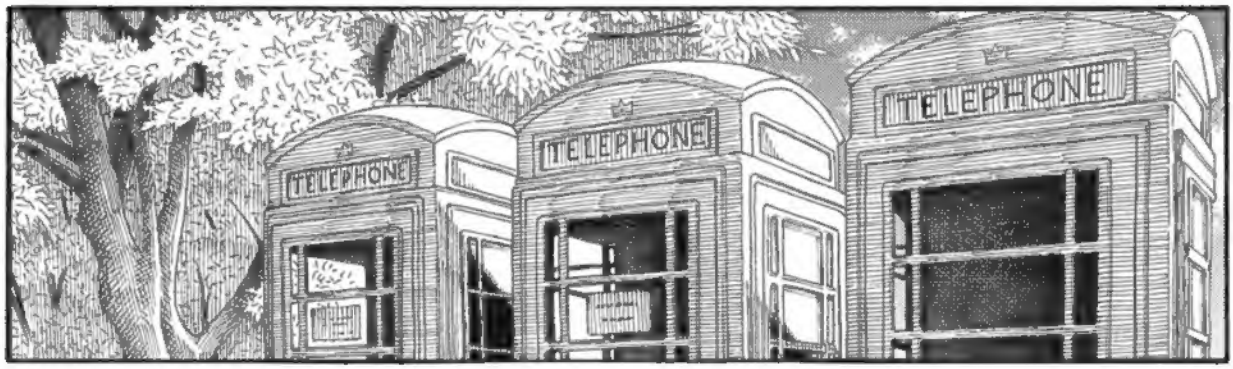
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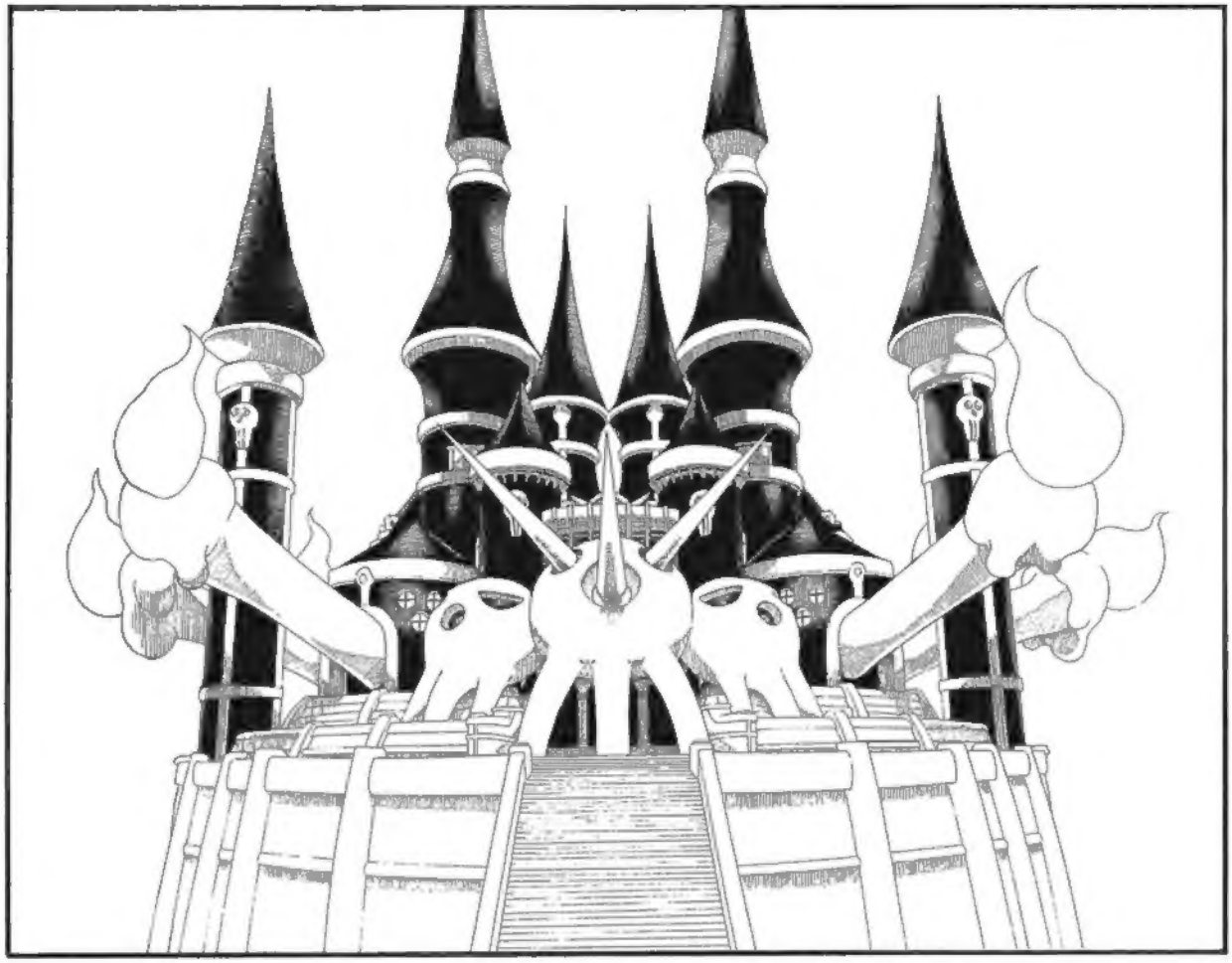

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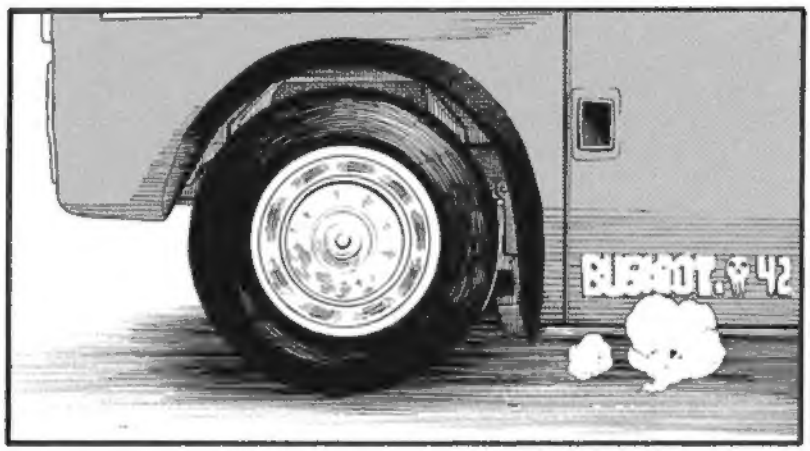

BACK TO THIS FAMILIAR OLD STAIR-CASE...
I THINK IT'S LESS THAT I'M GETTING USED TO CLIMBING STAIRS...
...AND MORE THAT I'M GETTING USED TO AGONY.
LET'S GO, TSUGUMI-SAN.

KILL-KOOON KAAANKOOON (DING-DONG DEAD-DONG)
NOT 013
KILL-KOOON KAAANKOOON
GUDEE (SHLUMP)
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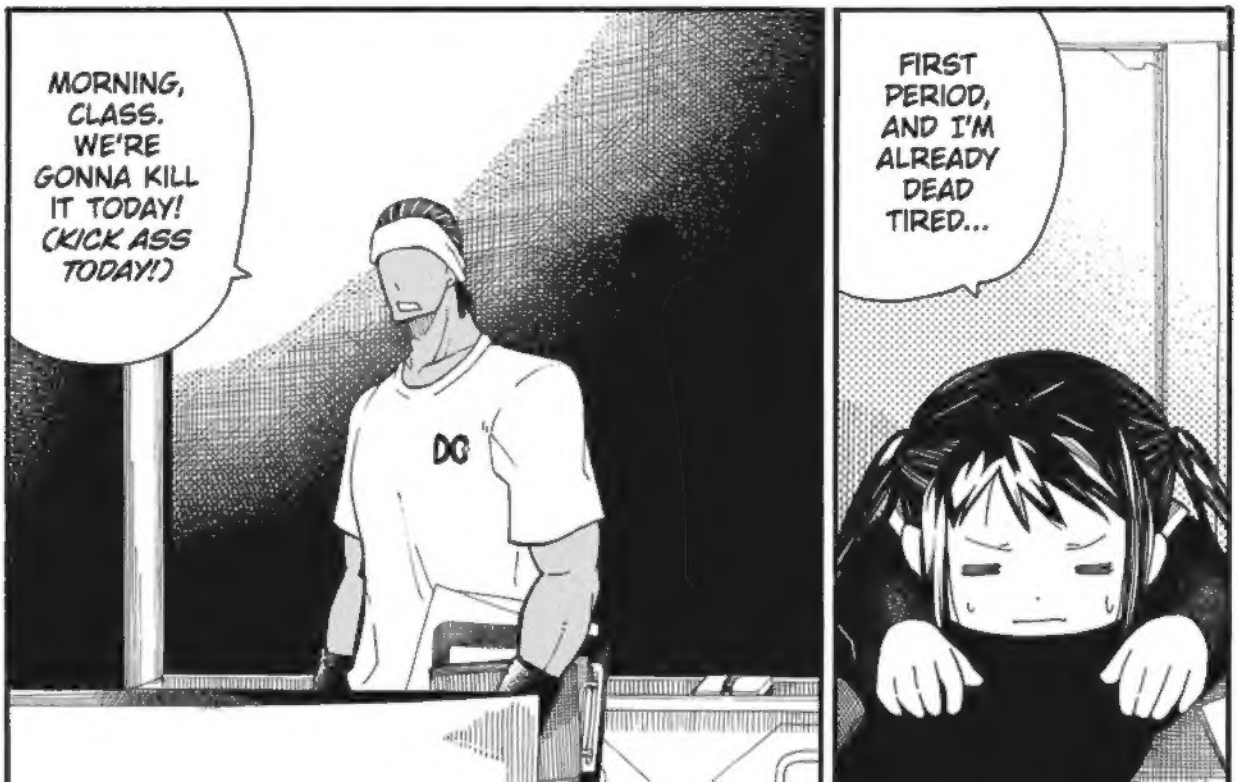
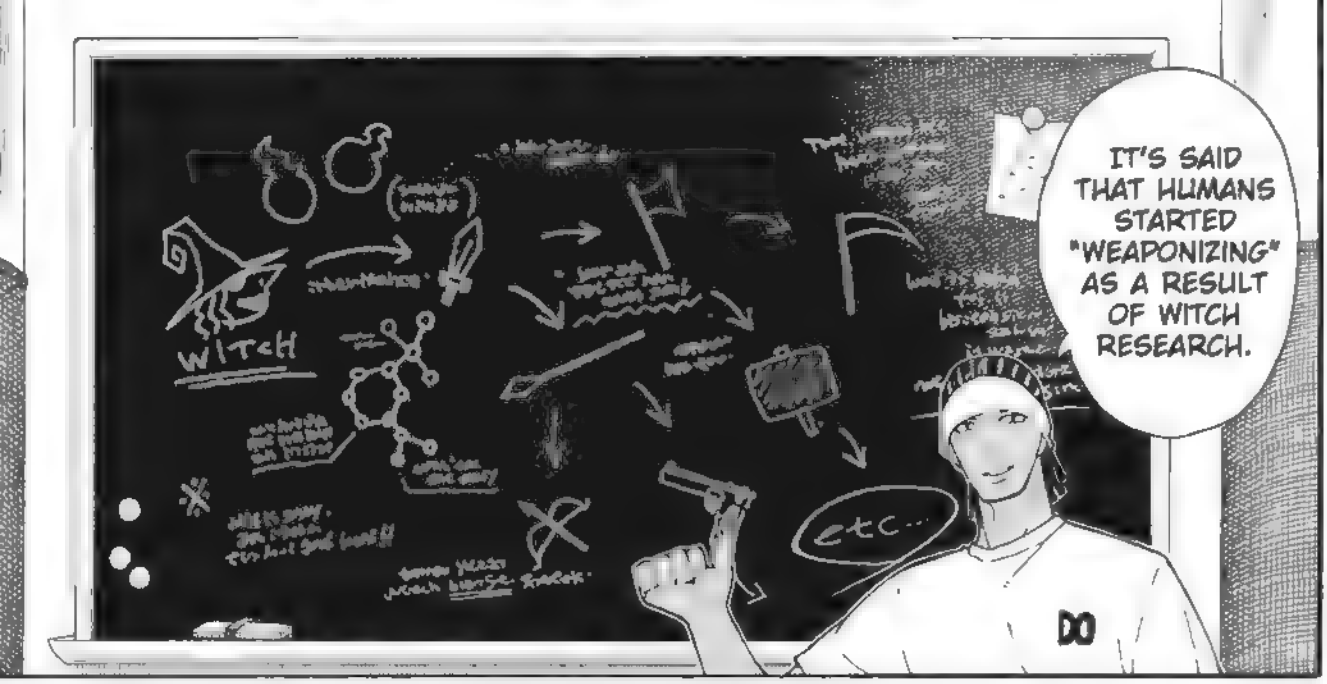

MORNING, CLASS. WE'RE GONNA KILL IT TODAY! (KICK ASS TODAY!)
FIRST PERIOD, AND I'M ALREADY DEAD TIRED...

IN TODAY'S CLASS, WE'RE GOING TO COVER A BIT ABOUT THE BIRTH OF WEAPONS— WEAPONS LIKE SOME OF YOU SITTING HERE.
THIS IS A SUBJECT OF LIFE-AND-DEATH FOR ME.
SID-SENSEI!! AARON HALF-TURNED AGAIN!!
!
GAGIN
CKACHUNKO

IF YOU DON'T LEARN TO CONTROL YOUR WEAPON POWERS, YOU COULD HURT SOMEONE— EVEN YOURSELF...

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO LEAD A SAFE, NORMAL LIFE...


WITCH
etc...
IT'S SAID THAT HUMANS STARTED "WEAPONIZING" AS A RESULT OF WITCH RESEARCH.

USING THE SOUL OF A WITCH—WHICH HAS TRANSFORMATIVE CAPABILITIES—TO COMBINE A WEAPON AND A HUMAN BEING, THE FIRST WEAPONIZED GENES WERE CREATED. THAT DNA WAS THEN PASSED DOWN, AND HERE YOU ARE...

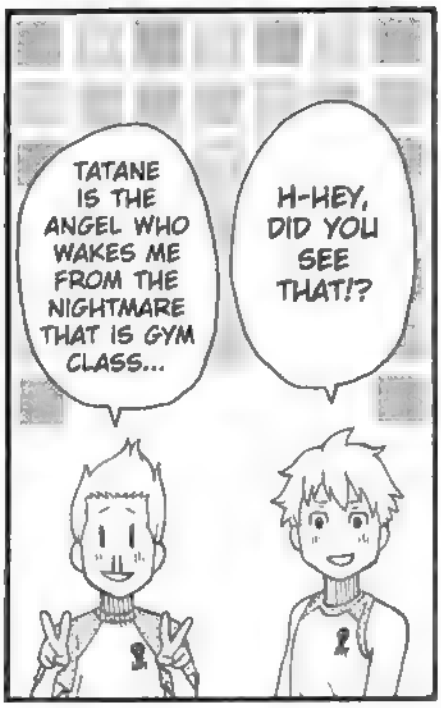
I GOT PULLED ASIDE BEFORE MY FLIGHT TO DWMA TOO...

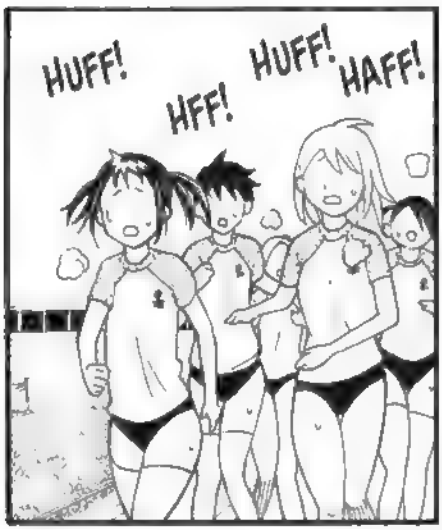
BIBII (BEEP)
STOP
BECAUSE THE GENE CAN SKIP GENERATIONS, THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO IDEA THEY HAVE WEAPON GENES UNTIL THEY GET CAUGHT BY A SECURITY SCANNER AT THE AIRPORT.

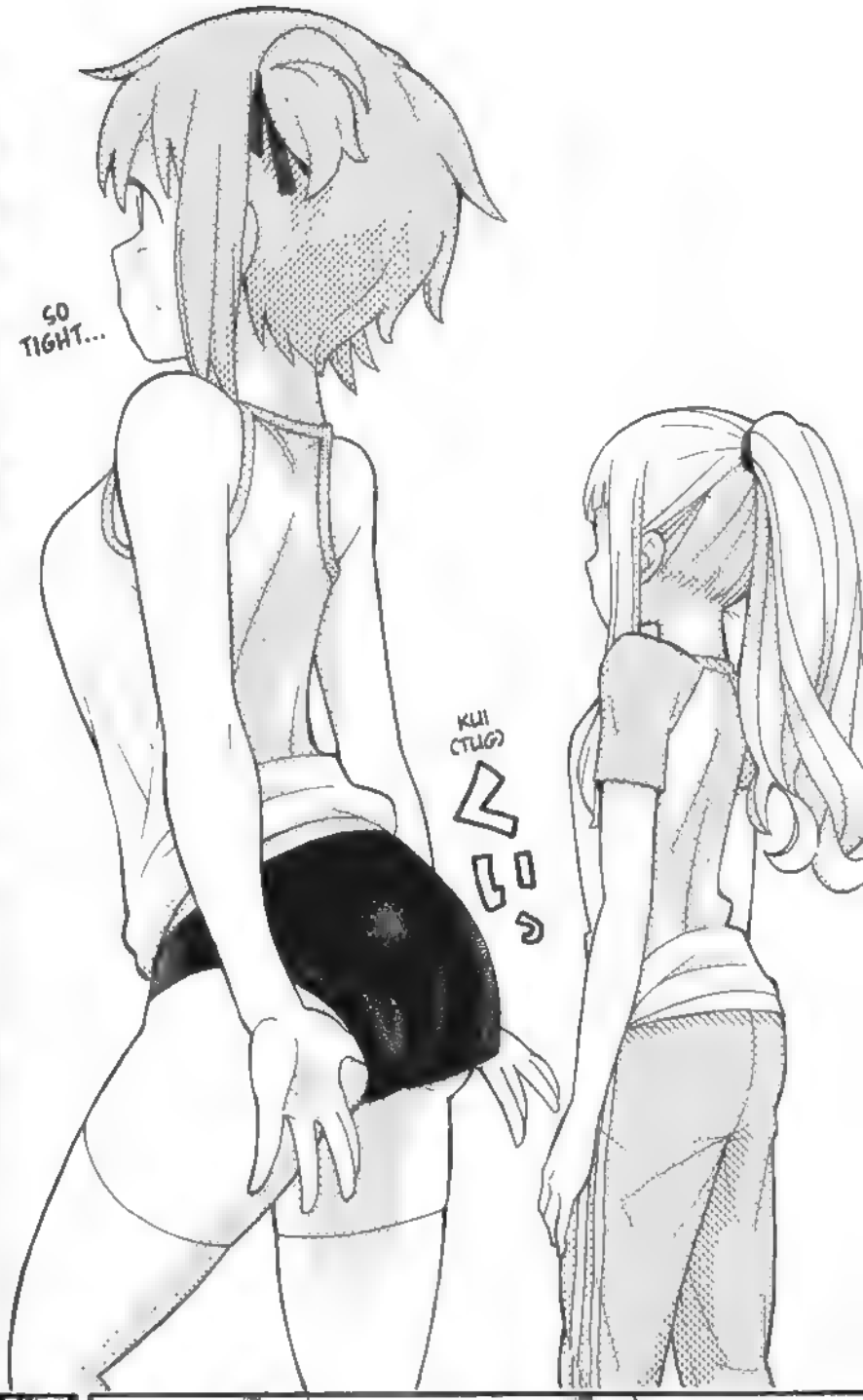
I GUESS THAT'S WHY MY DOG, POCHI, NEVER LIKED ME THAT MUCH...

AT THIS RATE, I CAN'T EVEN BE IN LOVE WITH LOVE!
OKAY!
KILL-KOOON KAAANKOOON (DING-DONG, DEAD-DONG)
KILL-KOOON KAAANKOOON
AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE ON A DIET?
ANYA-SAN! I WANT THAT AND THAT AND THAT!
LET'S PRETEND I FORGOT ABOUT THAT!

KIM-SENPAI! AND JAC-QUELINE-SENPAI! HELLO!
HEYA!
THE THOMPSONS HAVE THE DAY OFF TODAY. WANNA DROP BY THE MASTER'S PLACE AFTER CLASS TO HELP OUT?
MY AFTERNOON CLASS IS P.E. FROM HELL, SO IF I EAT TOO MUCH BEFOREHAND...
UH... YEAH...
?
NOT MUCH OF AN APPETITE TODAY, TSUGUMI...?


TATANE IS THE ANGEL WHO WAKES ME FROM THE NIGHTMARE THAT IS GYM CLASS...
H-HEY, DID YOU SEE THAT!?

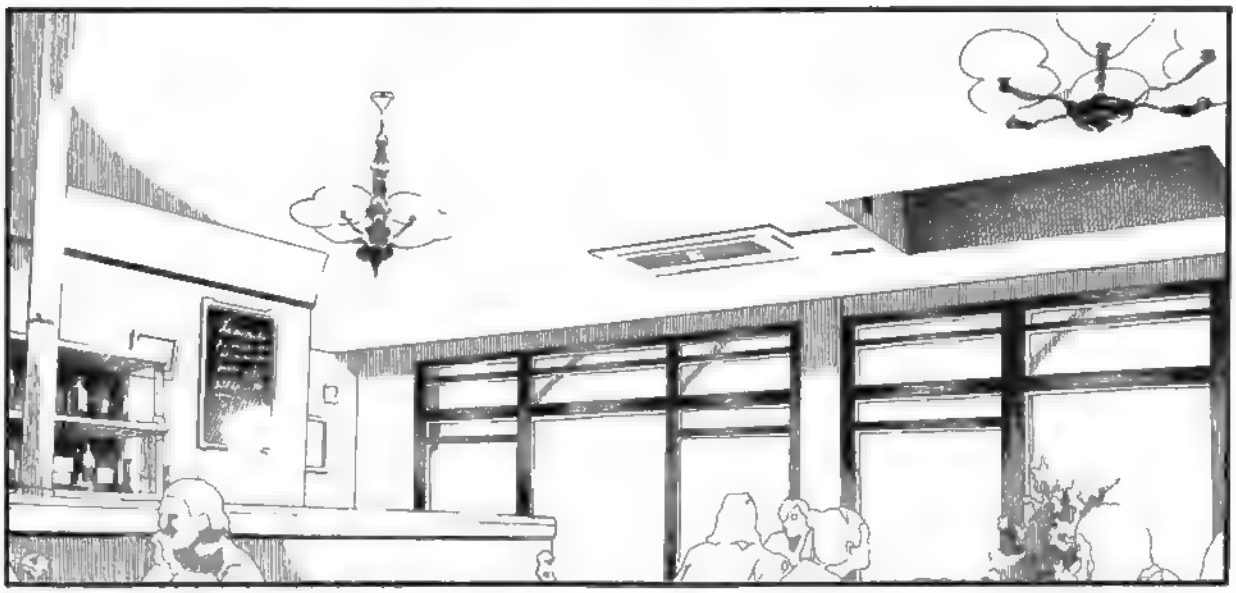

HUFF!
HFF!
HUFF!
HAFF!

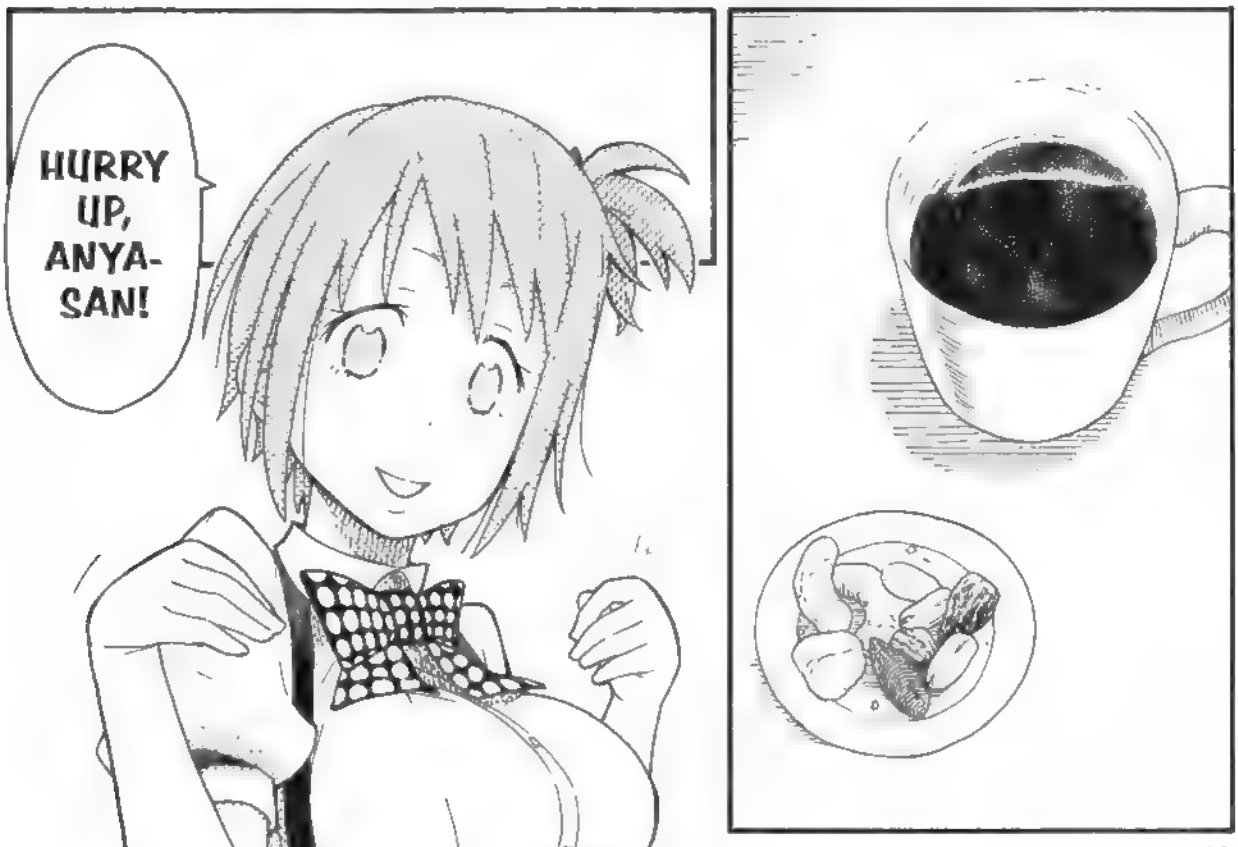

SO TIGHT...
KUI (TUG)

GOKU (GULP)
NOT

HFF!
HFF!
ONE MORE LAP! PUT SOME HUSTLE INTO IT!!

ARRRGH...




HURRY UP, ANYA-SAN!

MASTER, CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING ABOUT THESE UNIFORMS?
THE CUSTOMERS SEEM TO LIKE THAT LOOK ON YOU, ANYA-CHAN.
HELLO!
Wel-come!
SEE? YOU DON'T MIND IT AFTER ALL.
GOOD, GOOD.

WHAT IS IT, TSUGUMI-CHAN?
GUUU (GRRRGLE)
BA (SWISH)
UM, MASTER ...?
AT LEAST I MANAGED TO FINISH FIRST OUT OF ALL THE WEAPONS IN TODAY'S P.E. MARATHON...
I HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING SINCE THIS MORNING... CAN I HAVE A BITE TO EAT BEFORE I WORK?
YIPPEE! THANK YOU!
HANG ON A SEC.
DOES PILAF SOUND GOOD?
JAWA (SZZL)
JAWA
THAT'S QUITE AN ACCOM-PLISH-MENT!
FIRST!?

EAT UP.
AND IT EVEN HAS A LITTLE FLAG! ♪
WOW!
OOH, WOW!!
1

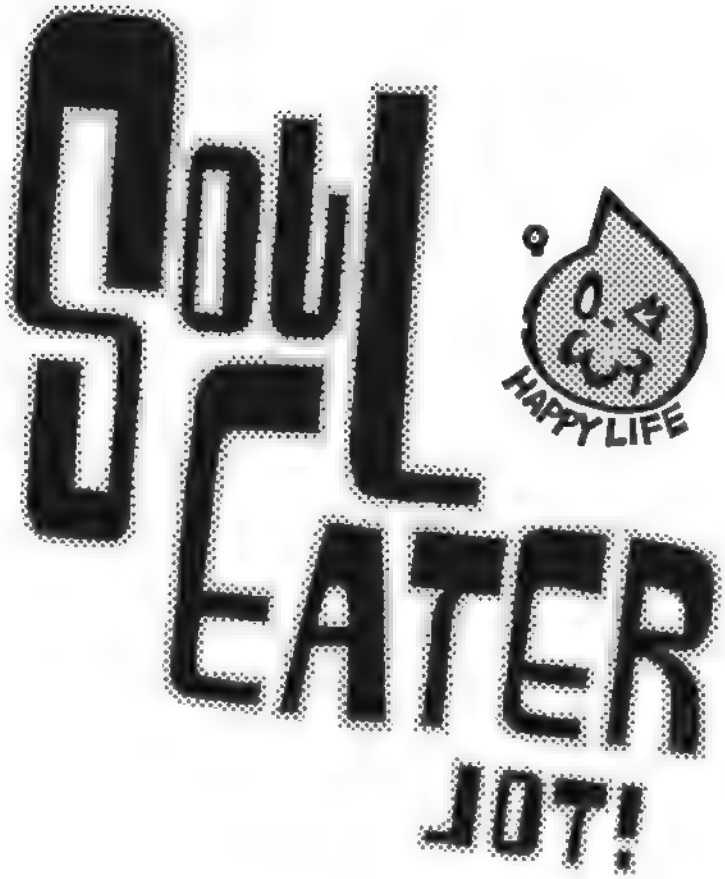
?
I-IMPRES-SIVE!! MOST IMPRES-SIVE!!
TSUN (POKE)
TSUN
UH, OKAY. THANKS.

WHAT...? PLANTING A FLAG IN FOOD? SUCH A NOVEL NOTION!
1

THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS ICY STARE MEANS.
I'M NOT A HARD-ASS.
WHAT? I CAN TELL A JOKE TOO, YOU KNOW.
PAKIPA (CRACKLE)
THE JOKE WASN'T FUNNY.
チラ
CHIRA (PEEK)
SHE OUGHT TO BE FLAGGED DOWN FOR THAT KIND OF BEHAVIOR.
EXCITED OVER A PLASTIC FLAG? HOW OLD IS SHE?

IT FEELS GOOD TO COME IN FIRST.
MMMM!♥
DOWN THE HATCH!!

SOUL EATER
NOT!



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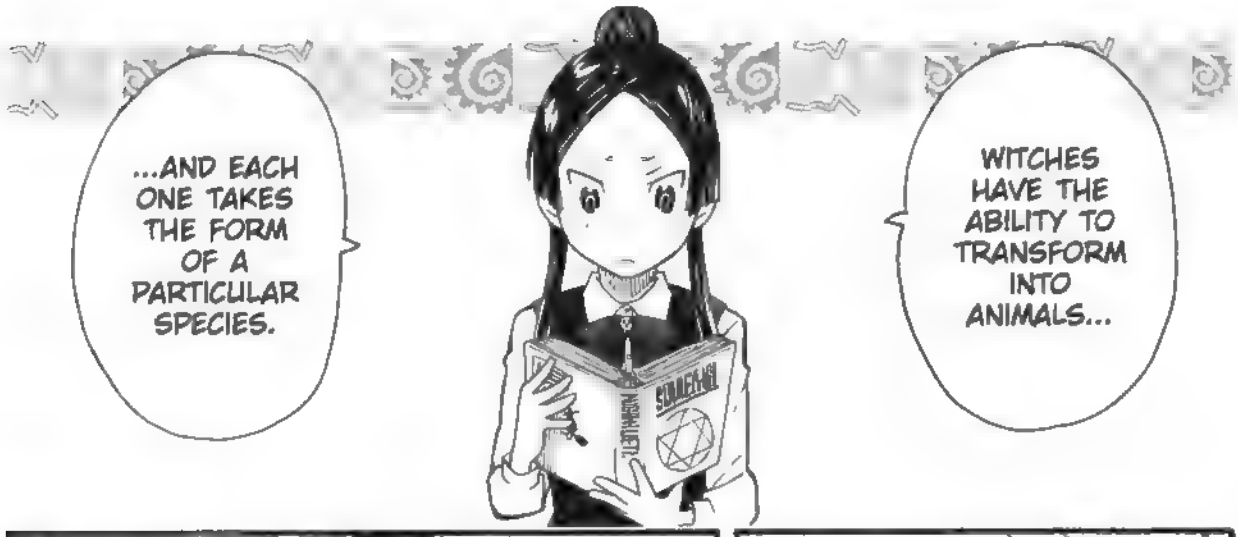
PART 7

DEMONSTRATING A JOT

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I JUST DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT WITCHES.

I'M BEING STRUNG ALONG LIKE A FOOL...

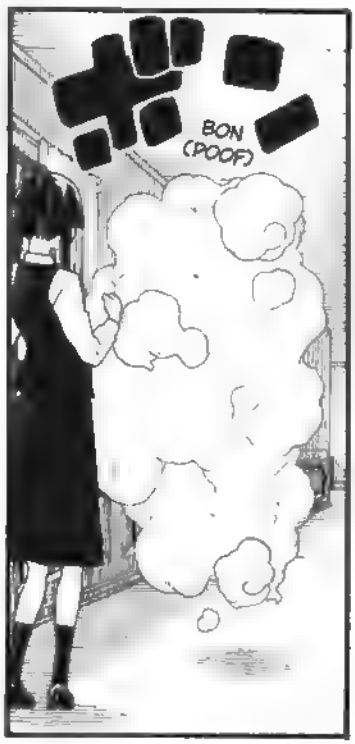
KIM STILL WON'T AGREE TO BE MY PARTNER.



HUH? HERE...?
May I?
I want to see it.
I MEAN, OBVI-OUSLY.
OF COURSE I CAN.

JUST FOR A SEC, THEN.
KYORU
KYORU (GLANCE)
NOBODY'S AROUND, RIGHT?

POM-POKO.


BON (POOF)

A JOT OF REVENGE

IT LOOKS LIKE KIM-SENPAI.
HEY, THAT'S RUDE! I MEAN, IT IS ME, BUT...
WILL SOMEONE PICK IT UP?
THEY'RE NOT VERY FRIENDLY, ARE THEY?
I'M GOING TO LET THIS TANUKI GO.
WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT, JACQUE-LINE-SENPAI?
ARE YOU CRAZY!? I CAN'T TURN HUMAN IF THEY'RE AROUND!!
WANT TO COME WITH ME?
THAT'S REALLY RUDE!!
IT REALLY DOES LOOK LIKE KIM-SENPAI.

A JOT BETTER

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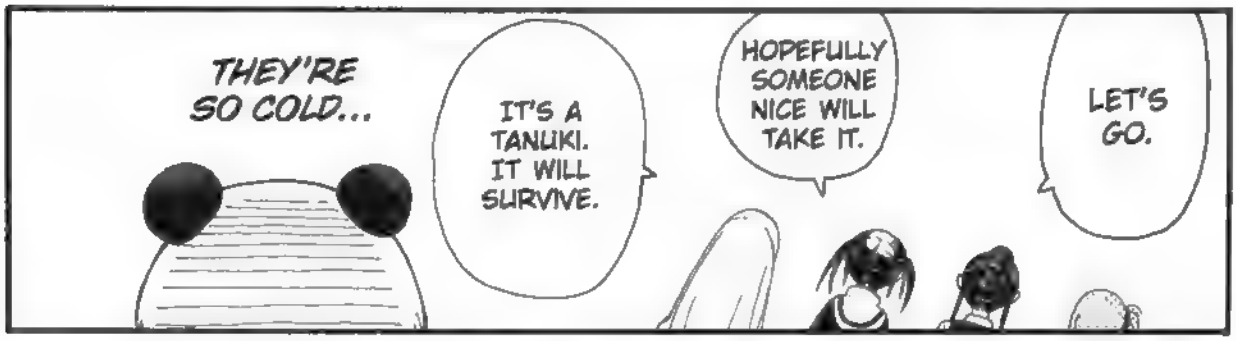
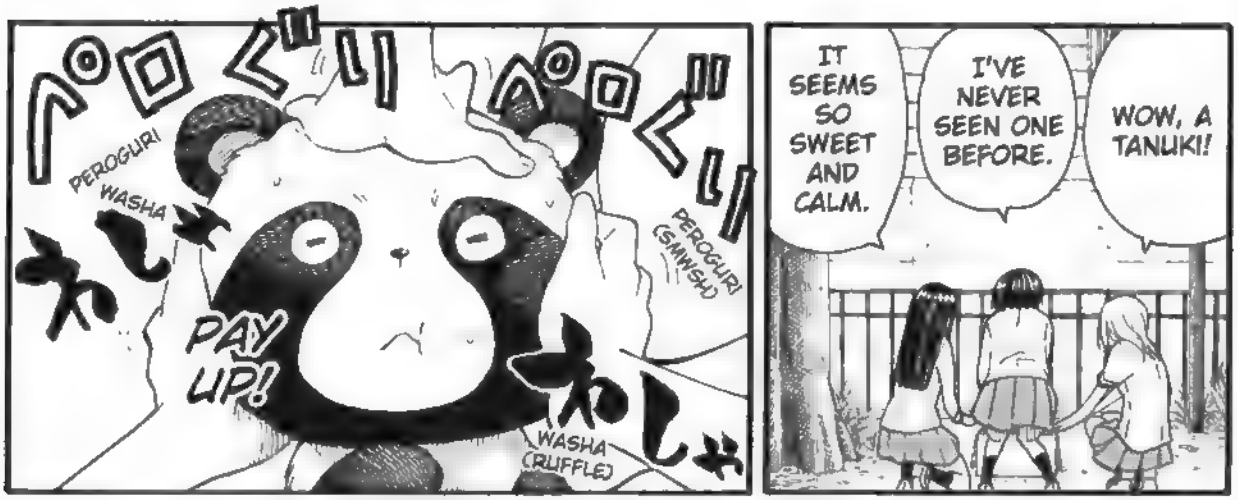
TOSU (THMP)
WE DON'T WANT MORE PEOPLE! HOW WILL I TURN BACK INTO A HUMAN?
THIS SPOT IS NICE AND CROWDED.


THEY'RE SO COLD...
IT'S A TANUKI. IT WILL SURVIVE.
HOPEFULLY SOMEONE NICE WILL TAKE IT.
LET'S GO.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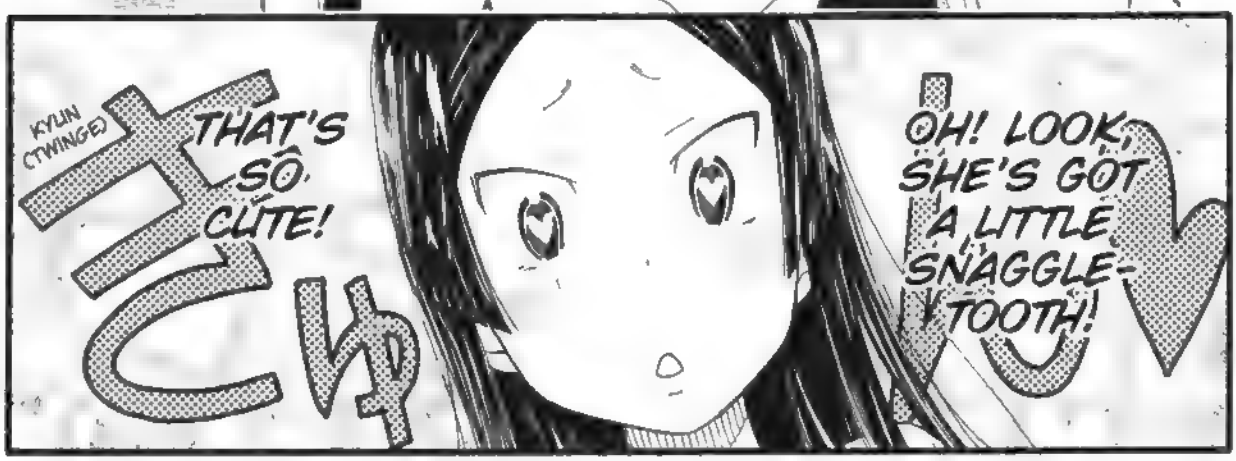
PEROGURI
WASHA
PAY UP!
PEROGURI (SMWSH)
WASHA (RUFFLE)
IT SEEMS SO SWEET AND CALM.
I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE BEFORE.
WOW, A TANUKI!

GACHA
(KACHAK)
KIIII
(CREAK)
TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH.

NNGH! HIC!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE FOR ME!


KYUN (TWINGE)
THAT'S SO CUTE!
OH! LOOK, SHE'S GOT A LITTLE SNAGGLE-TOOTH!

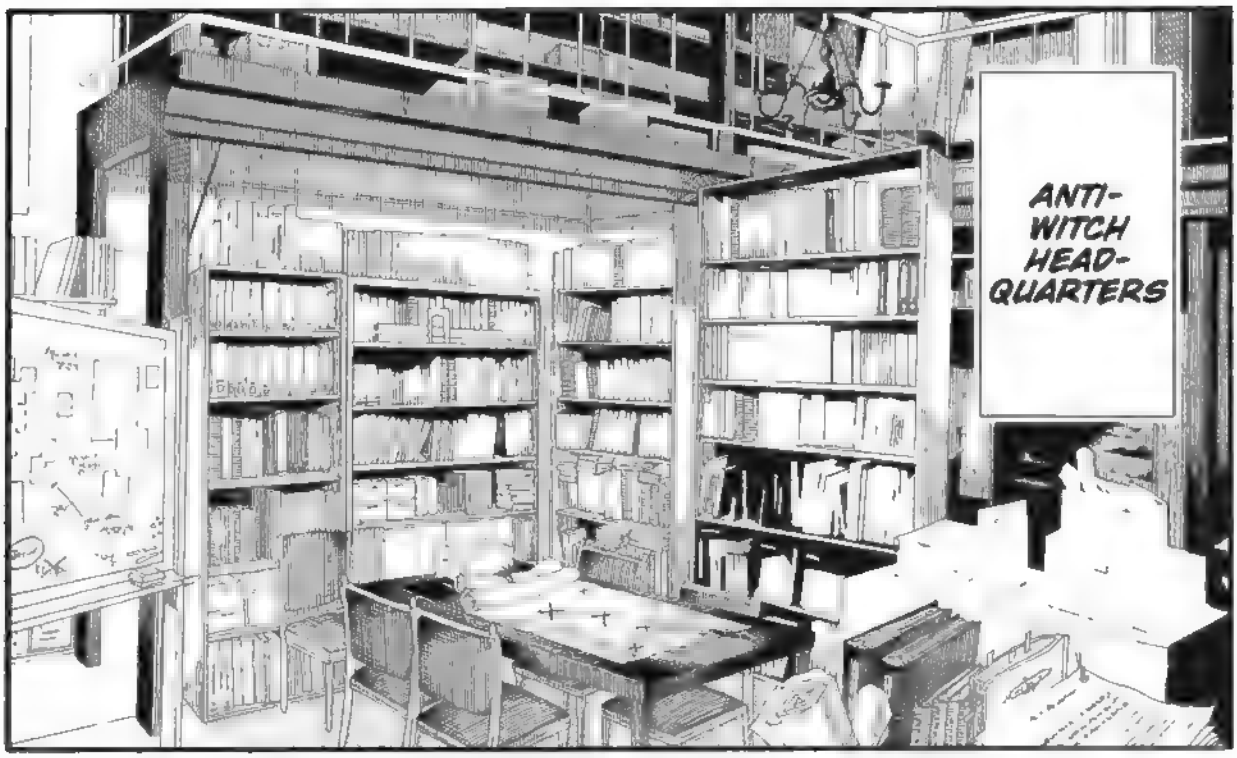
KACHI (CLICK)
KACHI
SOMETIMES ABANDONMENT MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER.
THE PROPER WAY TO RAISE A KIM:

SOUL EATER
NOT!

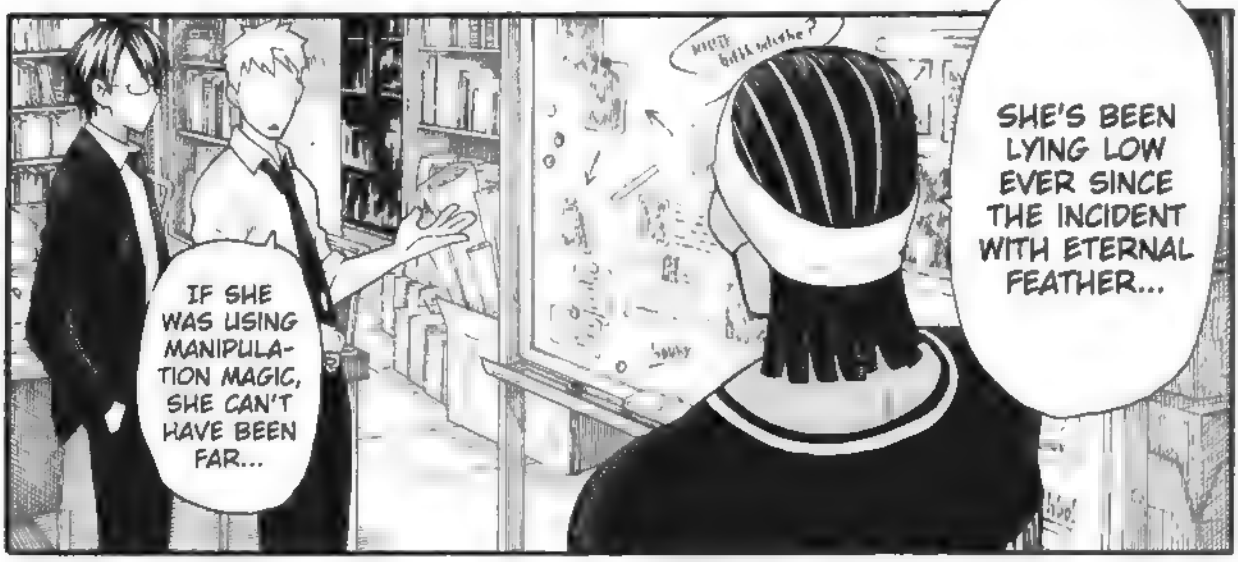
WITCH SHAILA GORGON.
THE THIRD OF THE THREE GORGON SISTERS, SHE MANIPULATES HER VICTIMS USING THE POISON OF A SCORPION.

CHAPTER 22: TROPICAL NIGHT!

SOUL EATER
NOT!


ANTI-WITCH HEAD-QUARTERS

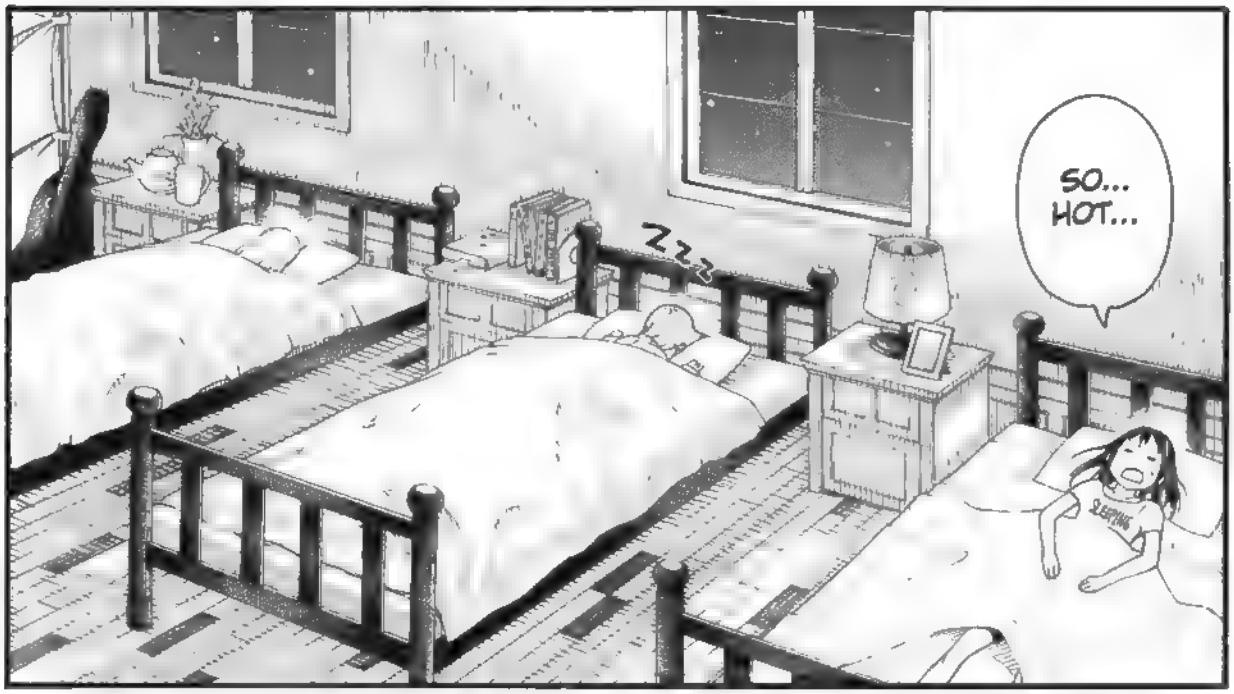
SO NO PROGRESS ON TRACKING DOWN SHAULA THE WITCH...


SHE'S BEEN LYING LOW EVER SINCE THE INCIDENT WITH ETERNAL FEATHER...
IF SHE WAS USING MANIPULA-TION MAGIC, SHE CAN'T HAVE BEEN FAR...

IF YOU CAN, THAT IS...MAN, IT'S HOT TONIGHT...
PATA
PATA
PATA (FLAP)
GOOD WORK. GET SOME REST.
LET'S CALL IT A NIGHT, THEN.

IF THIS KEEPS UP...
IF I CLEAR MY MIND OF ALL DISTRACTIONS, IT'S LIKE THIS BLAZER ISN'T EVEN THERE.
PATA
PATA
HOW CAN YOU WEAR THAT BLAZER IN THIS HEAT, AKANE?

...IT'LL BE A LONG AND SWEATY NIGHT...

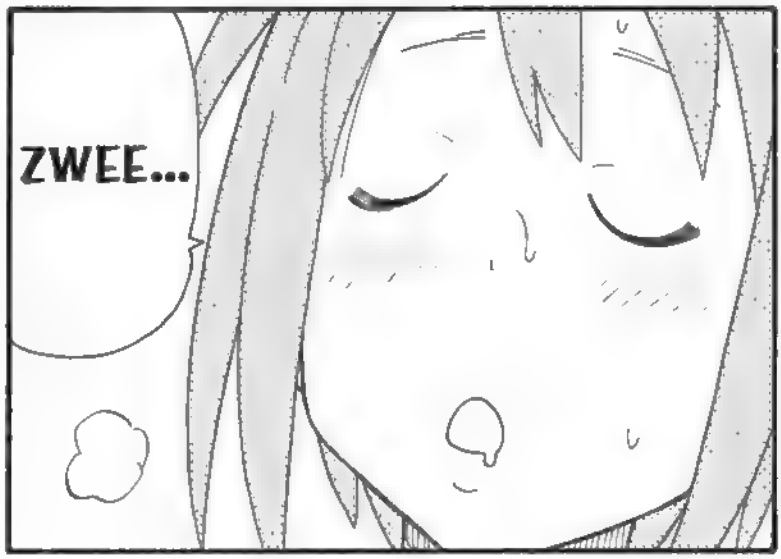

Zzz
SO... HOT...
SLEEPING

HOW CAN THEY SLEEP IN THIS STIFLING HEAT...?
MOZO
モゾ
MOZO (RUSTLE)
モゾ

?

SNZZ.

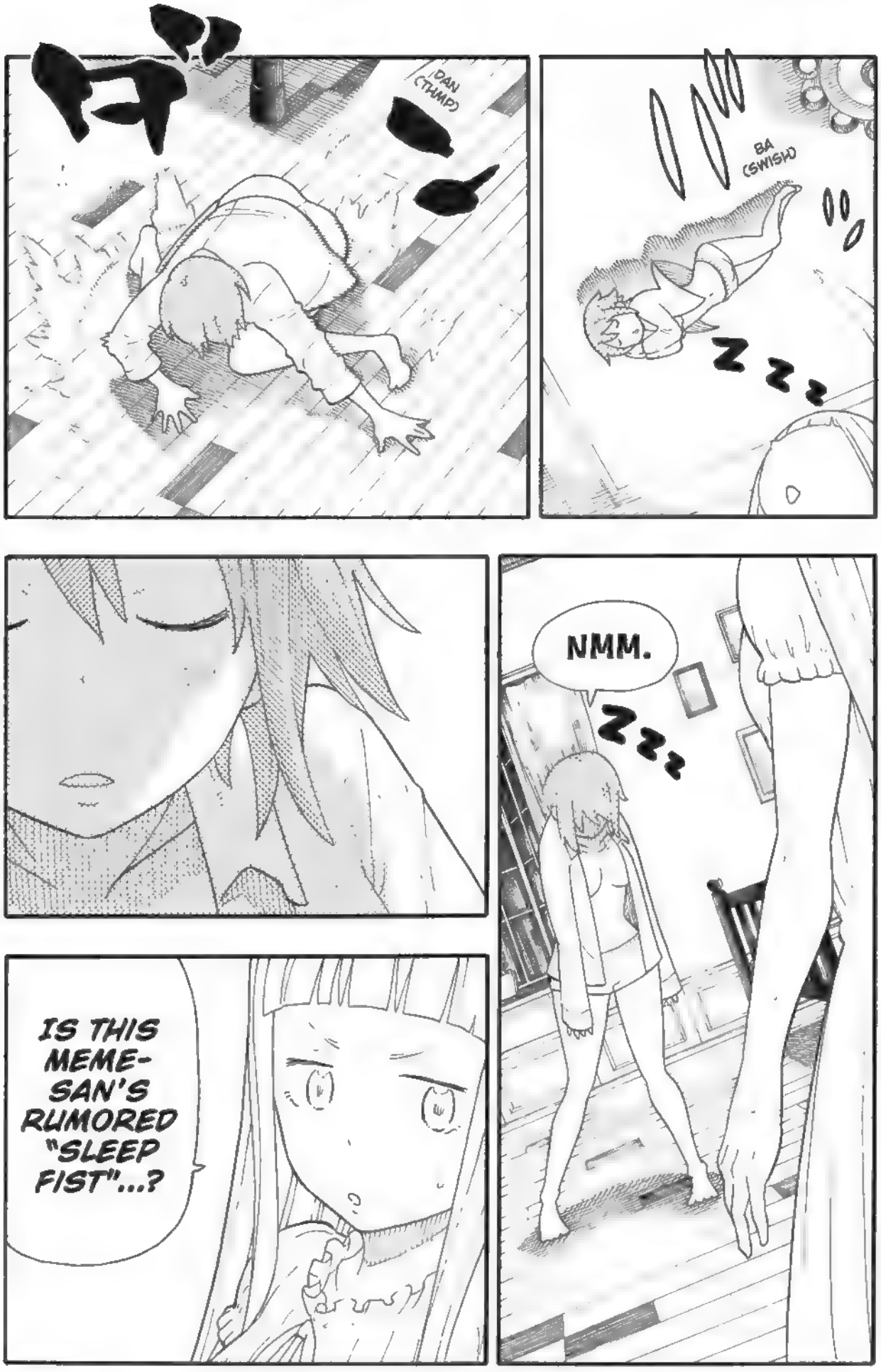
WHOA...
MEME-CHAN'S SLEEP-WALKING AGAIN.


ZWEE...

WHY ARE YOU STRIP-PING?
IT'S HOT.
PURUN (JIGGLE)
ぷるん
SLEEPING BUST
PUCHI (SNAP)
プチ
プチ
PUCHI
HOT.
YOU CAN'T JUST STRIP DOWN TO NOTHING BECAUSE YOU'RE HOT!
ALL THAT EXPOSED SKIN WILL MAKE YOU CATCH A COLD.
!
GU (TUG)
ぐいっ

WHAT IS THAT DELICIOUS-NESS YOU'RE HIDING, TSUGUMI-CHAN?
UM... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
GUI (TUG)
WHOA.
GII (CREAK)
W-WAIT, MEME-CHAN! WHAT ARE YOU—? STOP...
GABA (SHOVE)
YOU SHOULDN'T HOG IT ALL FOR YOURSELF.
LET ME HAVE SOME.

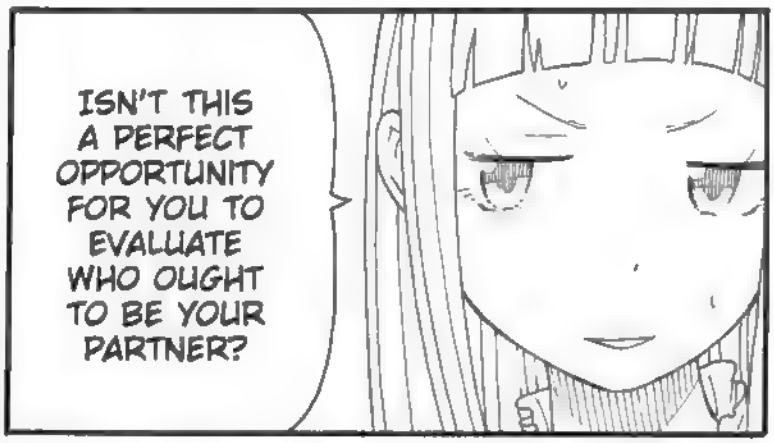
BA (LEAP)
HOW CAN YOU BE SNUGGLING LIKE THAT WHEN IT'S SO HOT!?
BUN (WHOOSH)


DAN (THMP)
BA (SWISH)
Z Z z
NMM.
Zzz
IS THIS MEME-SAN'S RUMORED "SLEEP FIST"...?

THE HEAT IS ANNOYING ALL OF US, MAKING IT HARD TO SLEEP, BUT YOU NEED TO CHILL OUT.
SLEEPING BUST
YOU LOOK AN ABSOLUTE MESS, BUT THERE'S NO WEAK POINT TO ATTACK...
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A CHANCE TO SPAR WITH YOUR SLEEP FIST.

ANYA-SAN, SHE'S SLEEP-WALKING! YOU CAN'T...
ZAN (SKSH)

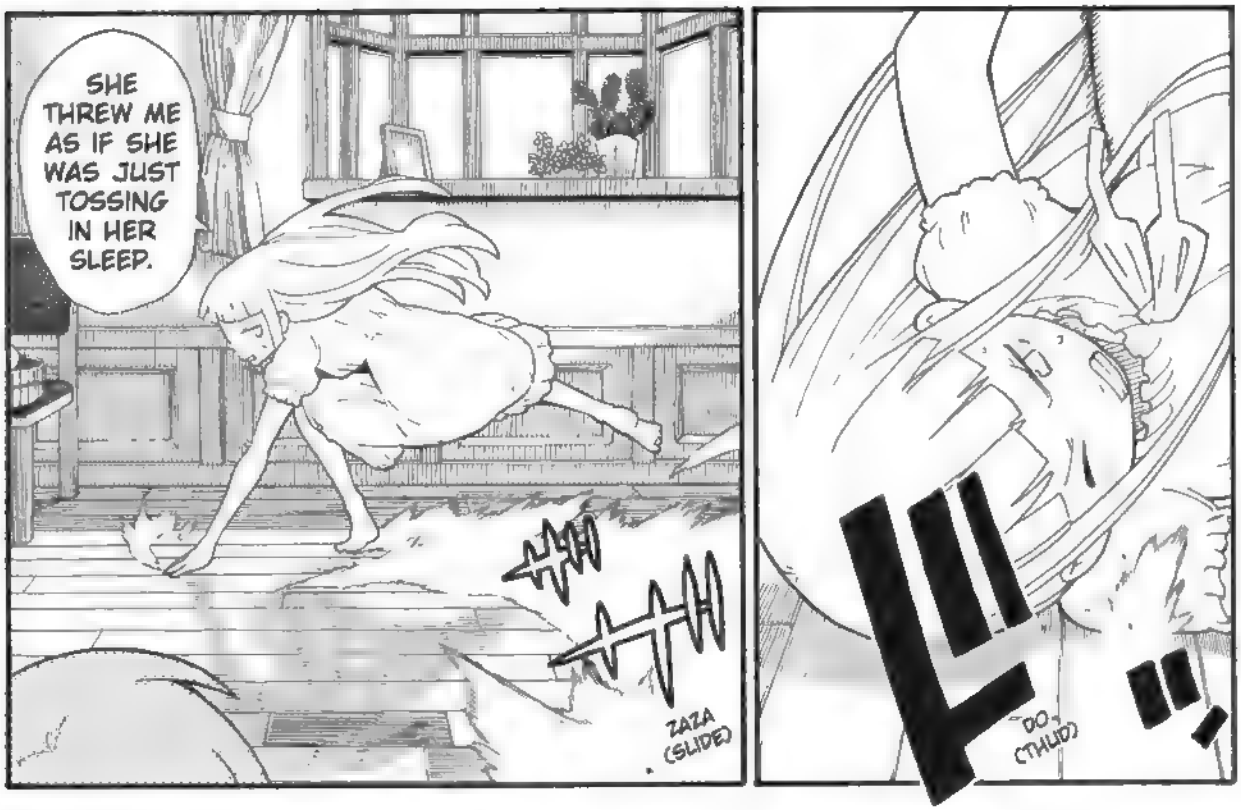
... BUT ...


ISN'T THIS A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO EVALUATE WHO OUGHT TO BE YOUR PARTNER?

ZU (SKFF)
HERE I COME.

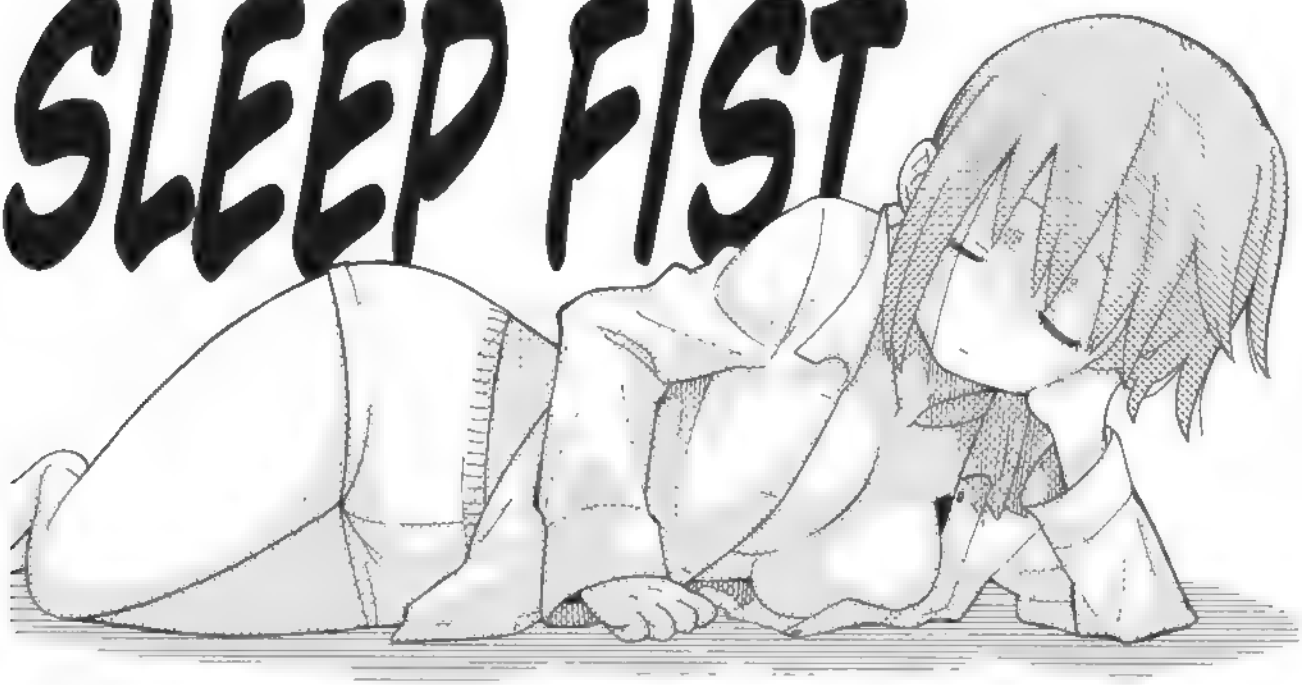
TSUGUMI-CHAN... BEST FRIENDS.
KOKUN (NOD)

OOOO
(WHOOSH)
PAN
(SMAK)
KUN
(ZWIP)
SU
(SHP)


SHE THREW ME AS IF SHE WAS JUST TOSSING IN HER SLEEP.
ZAZA (SLIDE)
DO (THUD)

.....SO THIS IS...
IS THIS REALLY HOW A SLEEPING PERSON MOVES...?

SLEEP FIST



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GORO
GORO
GORO (ROLL)
MMMM
KOKLIN (NOD)
こくり。
WHOA!
GYLIN (ZWOOM)
MMM
GORO
GORO
GORO
MMM
PITA (FLOP)
ピタ

HALT !!
PIKI (TWITCH)
WAS THAT A CRAMP THROW !?
WHA ...!?
BIN (SWING)
CRAMP!

TATA
(TMP)
PETAN
(SPLAT)
HER MOVES ARE SO TRICKY. I HAVE NO WAY TO PREDICT THEM...
HAA (HUFF)
HAA
AHH, THAT HURT...

I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE GETTING TO SLEEP, BUT JUMPING AROUND WILL ONLY WAKE YOU UP MORE! WE HAVE AN EARLY MORNING TOMORROW, SO LET'S GET BACK INTO BED!
OKAY!
STOP!
STOP!
STOOOP!
SLEEPING BEAST
BA (WHOOSH)
SFX: DONCHAKA (KERSLAM), WAI (CHATTER) WAI
I'M GONNA DEMAND DISTURBANCE FINES.
どんちゃか
わいわい
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT KIM-SENPAI NEXT DOOR WILL SAY IF YOU KEEP UP THIS NOISE?
BUT IF WE LEAVE IT AT THIS, I'LL HAVE AN EVEN HARDER TIME SLEEPING!
HMNN... MMM- HRRM...
JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES, AND YOU'LL FALL ASLEEP.

ZURYU (SLIDE)
ずりゅ
HEY !!
SLEEPING BUST
SO HOT!!
BUN (FLAIL)
BUN
NO WONDER, AFTER ALL THAT JUMPING AROUND...
I SEE YOUR WEAK POINT NOW!!
W... WEAK POINT ...
HEY !!
H... H-H...
WELL, YOU CAN'T AVOID THIS ATTACK WITH YOUR PANTIES HALFWAY DOWN YOUR LEGS!!
BA (WHOOSH)

BA
(ZWOOP)
SLEEPING
BUST

THAT'S
ENOUGH!

SO
COOL.
PITO
(PRESS)

LOOK WHAT YOU'RE... NOT WEARING!!
GISHI (CREAK)
GISHI
GWEH!
FEELS GOOD...
DOKA (THWUMP)
SHE SAYS IT FEELS NICE AND COOL.
COME LIE DOWN WITH US, ANYA-SAN.
...
COME ON.

TOO HOT...
YOUR BODY HEAT...

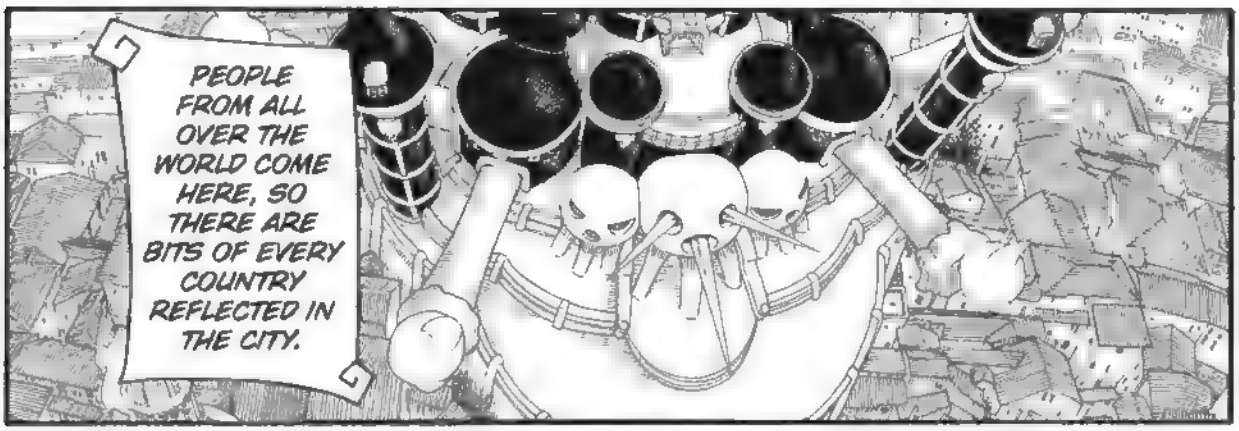
SOUL EATER
NOT!

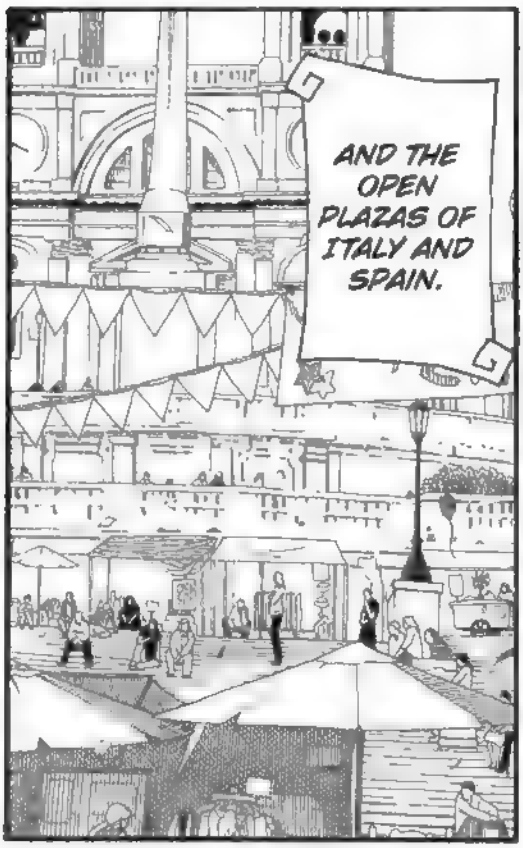
SOUL EATER NOT

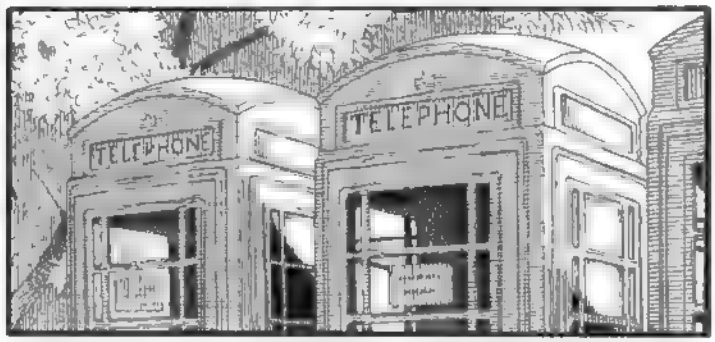
ATSUSHI OHKUBO

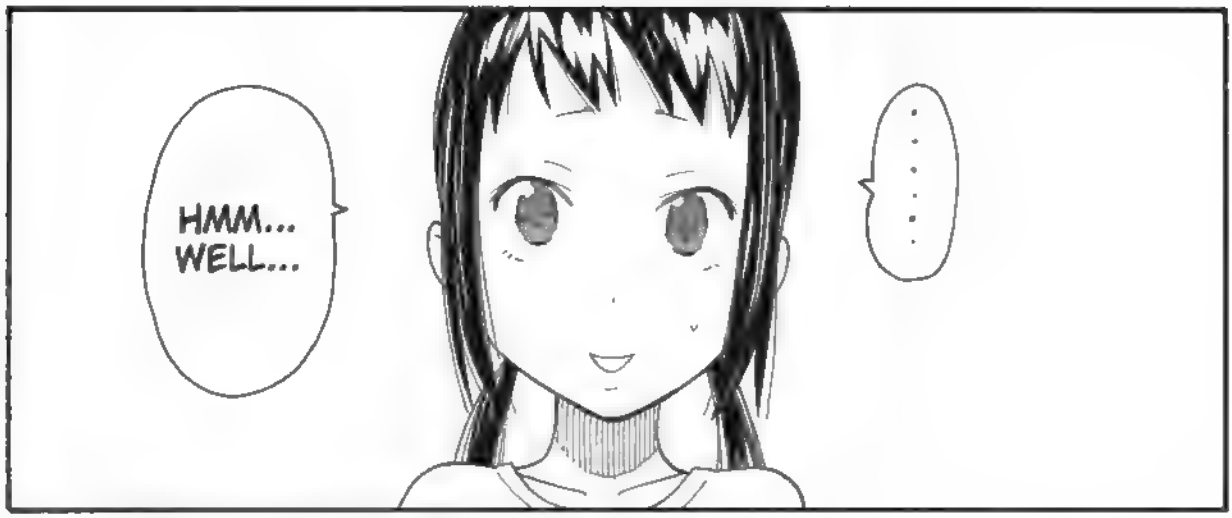
PART 8

A JOT CHAOTIC








HMM... WELL...
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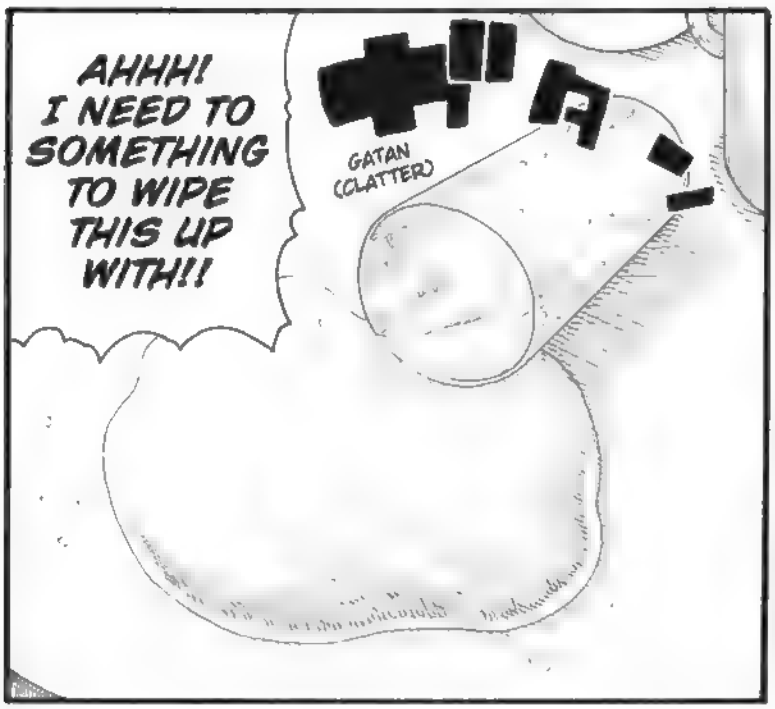
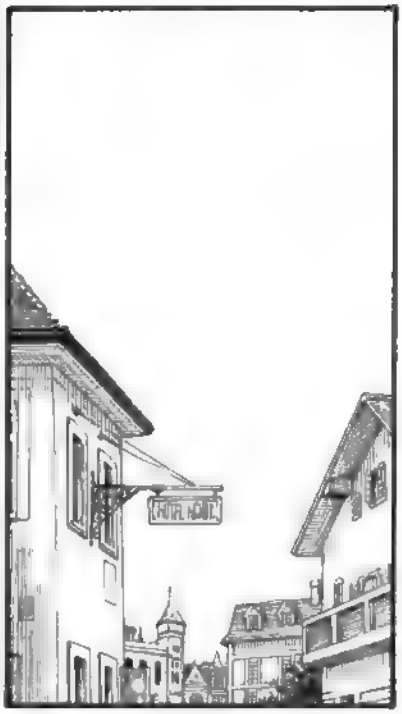
萌&健太
Vivian digital
...I GUESS I'VE SEEN A CULTURAL MISHMASH LIKE THIS IN JAPAN TOO.

A JOT POINTLESS



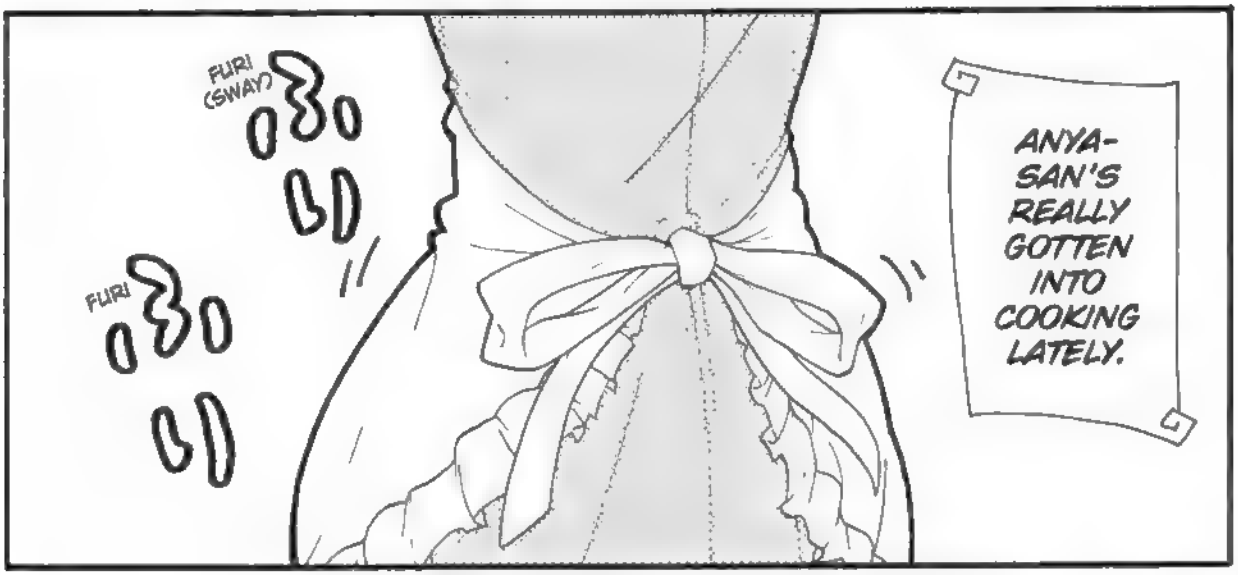
TAPUPU (SPLUSH)
THE TABLECLOTH.
THE TABLE-CLOTH
THE TABLECLOTH.
WHAAAT?
PEI (SHWIP)
DO YOU TAKE CARDS?
KIRIRIN (SPARKLE)
$
THE MONEY.
HERE YOU GO, MISS. THAT'LL BE THREE DOLLARS.
IS YOUR MOMMY OR DADDY AROUND?
HM?

A JOT A LOT POINTLESS



GUGU (STRAIN)
HORORI (DRIP)
GOSO (RUSTLE)
GOSO
THE BALLOON
SU (SHIP)
?
GOSOSO
GOSOSO
THE CANDY

A JOT TOO MUCH TO ASK



OSSAN: OLD MAN

WELL, THIS LOOKS TOO GOOD TO PASS UP, SO I'LL EAT ANYWAY! ♪
THAT HEALTHY APPETITE MAKES ME SO HAPPY, MEME-SAN! ♪
WHAT'S THIS? IS MY STOMACH... BULGING?
DID I EAT SOME-THING?
おんぐろさくそんと

SHIRT: GANGURO-SAXON

...
ぷりん
PURIN (JIGGLE)
IS IT JUST ME, OR AM I GETTING A LITTLE PUDGY?
POYOYON (BO-YO-YOING)
ぽよよん
I ONLY MADE FOOD BECAUSE I WANTED YOU TO BE HAPPY! WHAT HAVE I DONE!?
DIRTY OLD MAN.
THE ERO JIJI
BI (FLIP)
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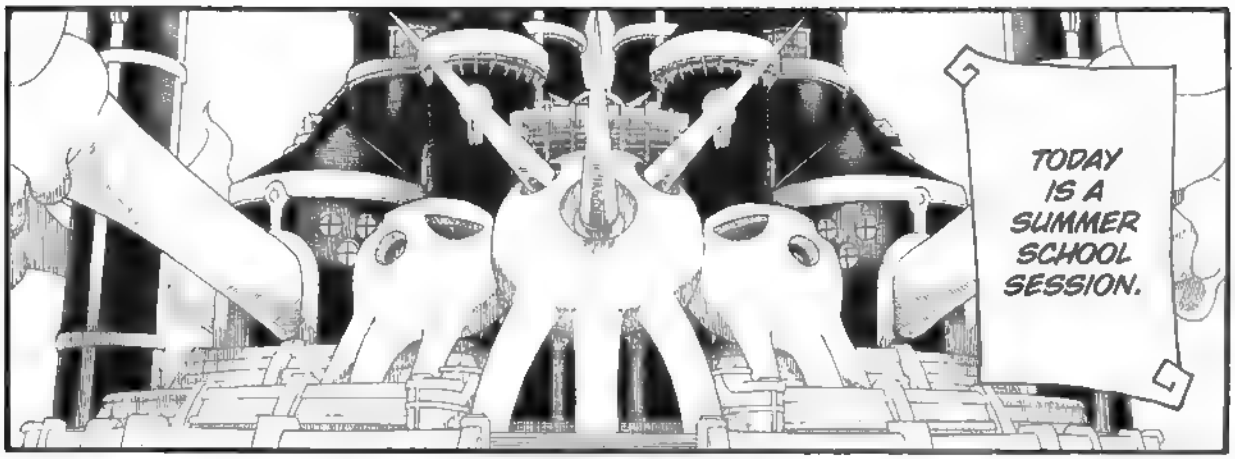
NOW THAT MEME-CHAN'S SO BO-YO-YOING, SHE'S RIPE FOR A GOOD BOING-BOING, IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

SOUL EATER
NOT!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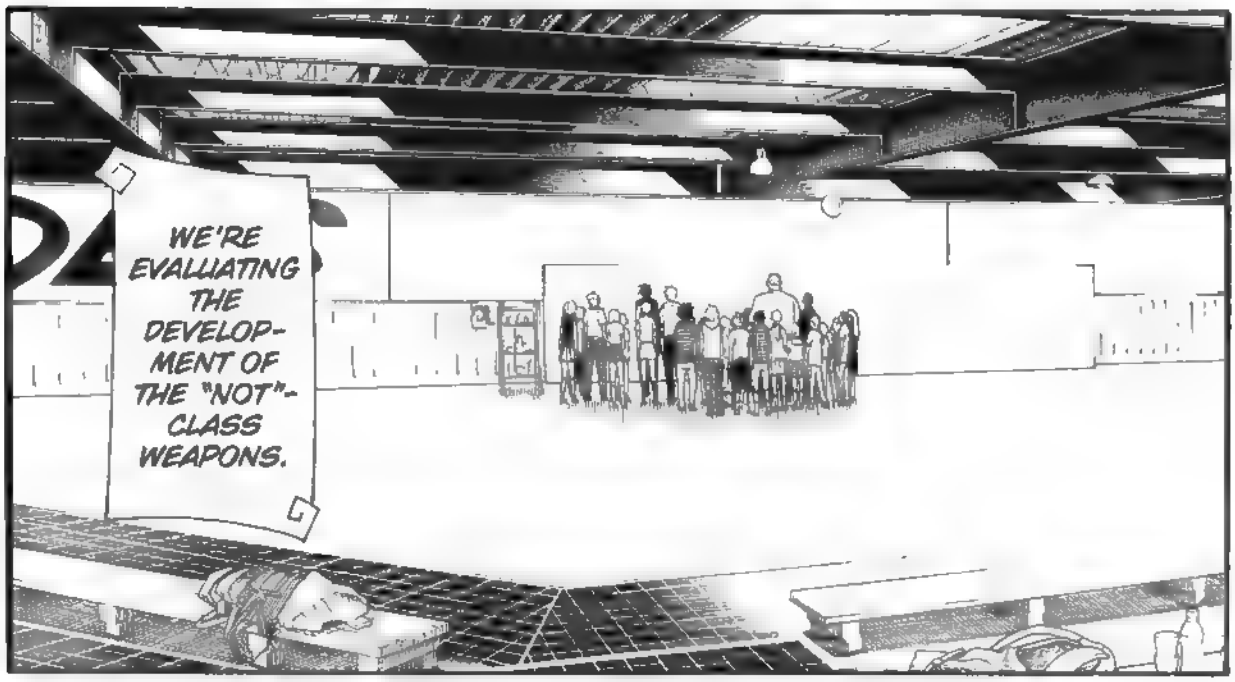
WE'RE EVALUATING THE DEVELOP-MENT OF THE "NOT"-CLASS WEAPONS.

SOUL EATER NOT!

CHAPTER 23: BLADE!

WELL, THAT'S EVERYONE! TODAY WE'RE GOING TO TEST HOW WELL THE WEAPONS CAN CONTROL THEIR OWN POWERS.
YOUR SENPAIS FROM THE "EAT" CLASS WILL BE OBSERVING AS WELL.
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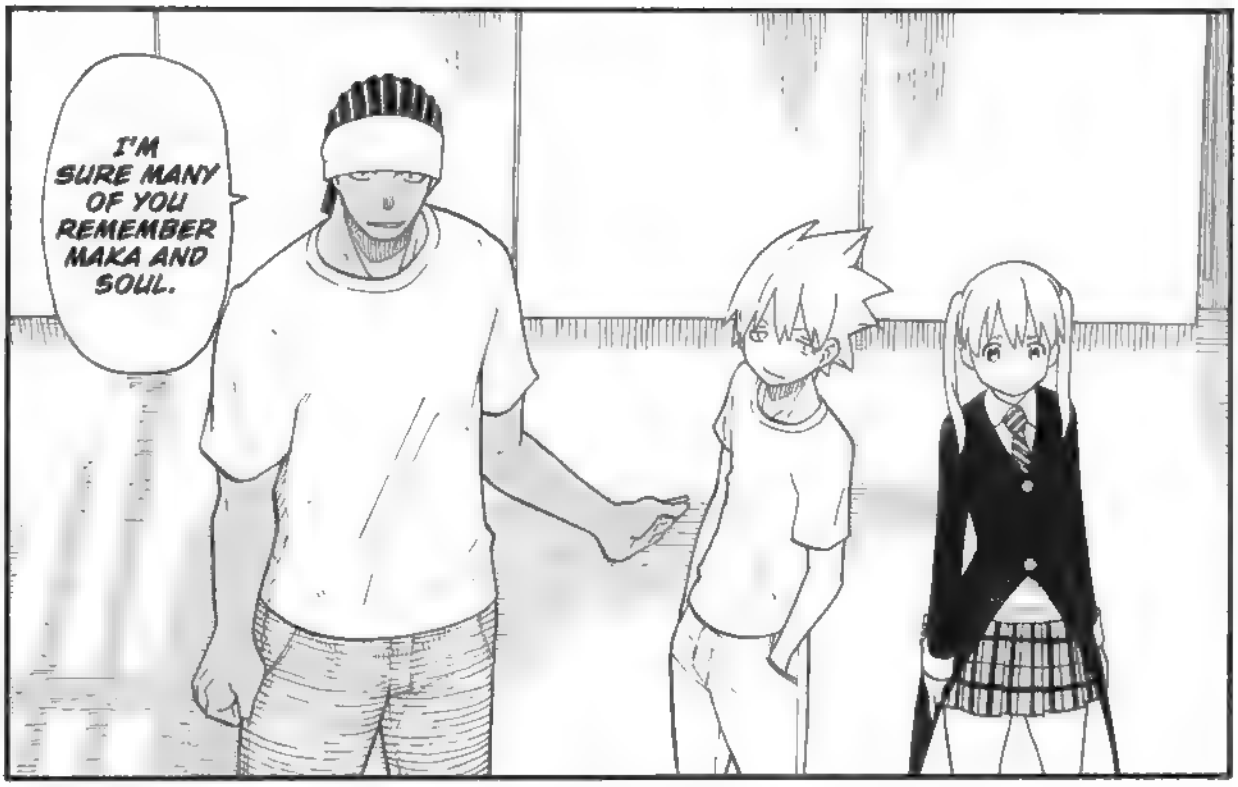
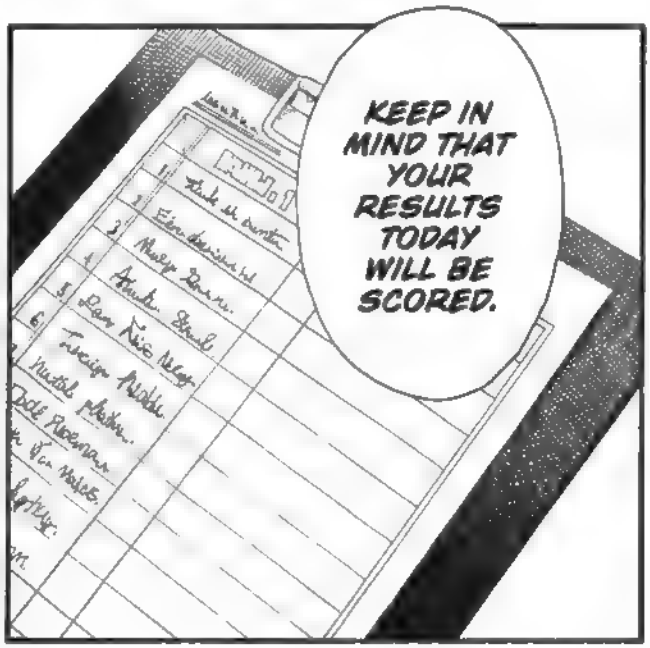
NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, TSUGUMI!
BUI (VWP)
MAKA-SENPAI!


I'M SURE MANY OF YOU REMEMBER MAKA AND SOUL.

MAKA-SENPAI WILL BE WATCHING ME...? UGH, I CAN FEEL MY NERVES ALREADY...

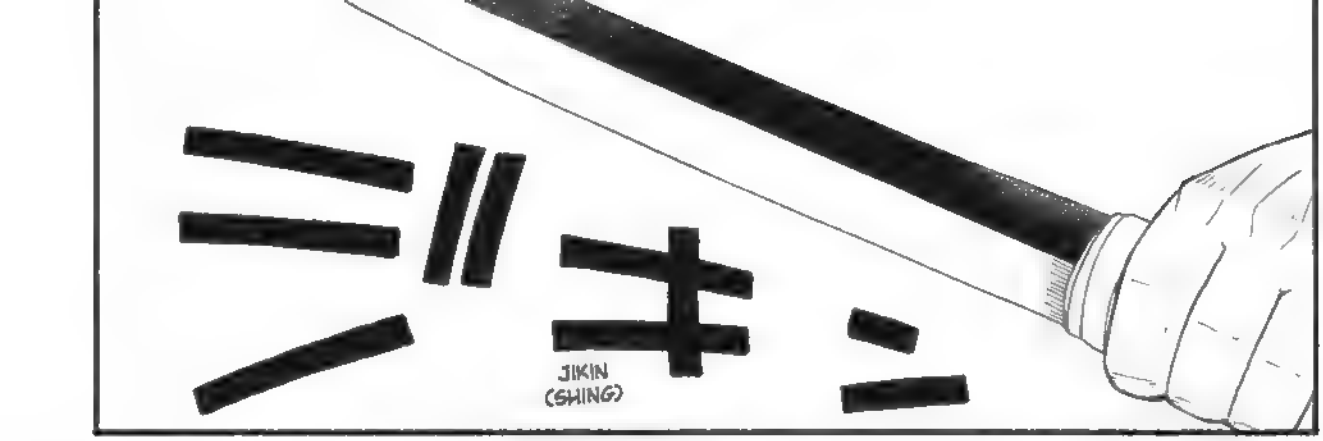
LET'S GET STARTED.


KEEP IN MIND THAT YOUR RESULTS TODAY WILL BE SCORED.

LET'S DO IT LIKE WE ALWAYS DO.
SO WE'RE BATTING LEADOFF, EH?
FIRST UP, RAID AND HAO.
KOKI (CRAIG)
LET'S SHOW HER.
WE'RE NOT THE SAME SMALL-TIME LOSERS YOU REMEMBER, ANYA-SAMA.
I WONDER IF YOU'VE LEARNED ANYTHING SINCE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.
!

DWMA HAS TAUGHT THEM A LESSON OR TWO, AND NOW THEY TAKE IT SERIOUSLY.
HERE WE GO.
BA (WHOOSH)

HE COULDN'T TRANSFORM HIS HEAD BACK THEN, BUT HE SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO NOW.
SHUBAAAA (SHWOOSH)


JIKIN
(SHING)

FWAH FWAH FWAH FUM FUMFF FWUH FAA FAH FUMP!
HE SAYS, "NOW I CAN EVEN TRANSFORM MY LOWER JAW."
BA
(DUNDUN)

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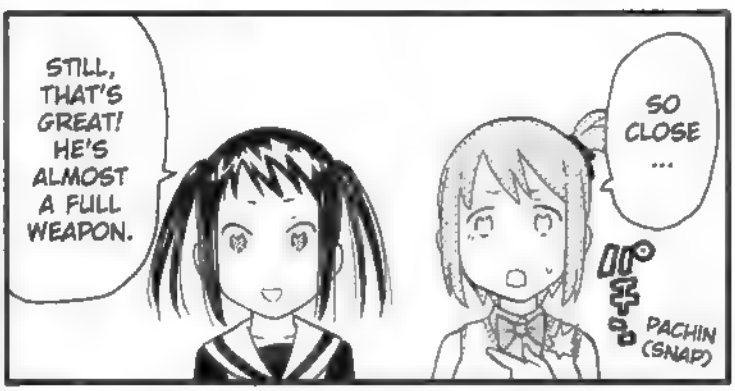
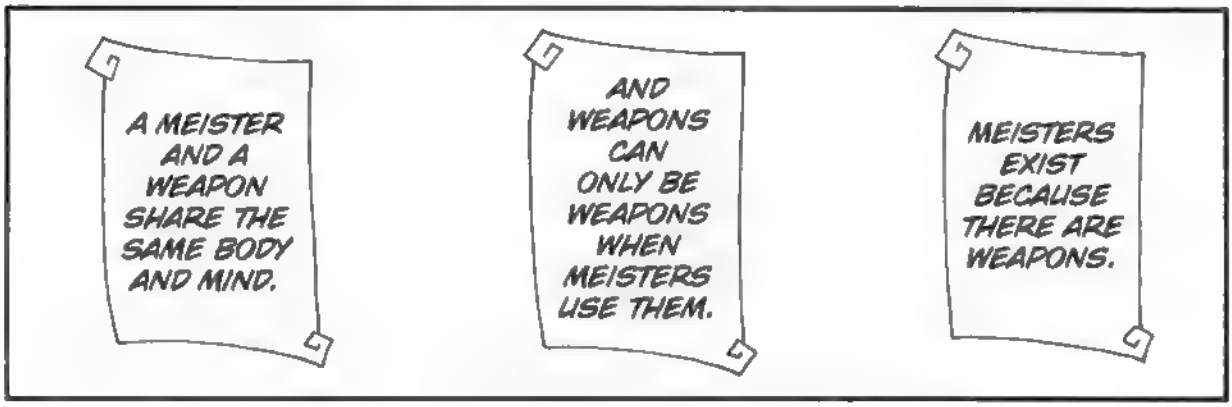

STILL, THAT'S GREAT! HE'S ALMOST A FULL WEAPON.
SO CLOSE ...
PACHIN
(SNAP)

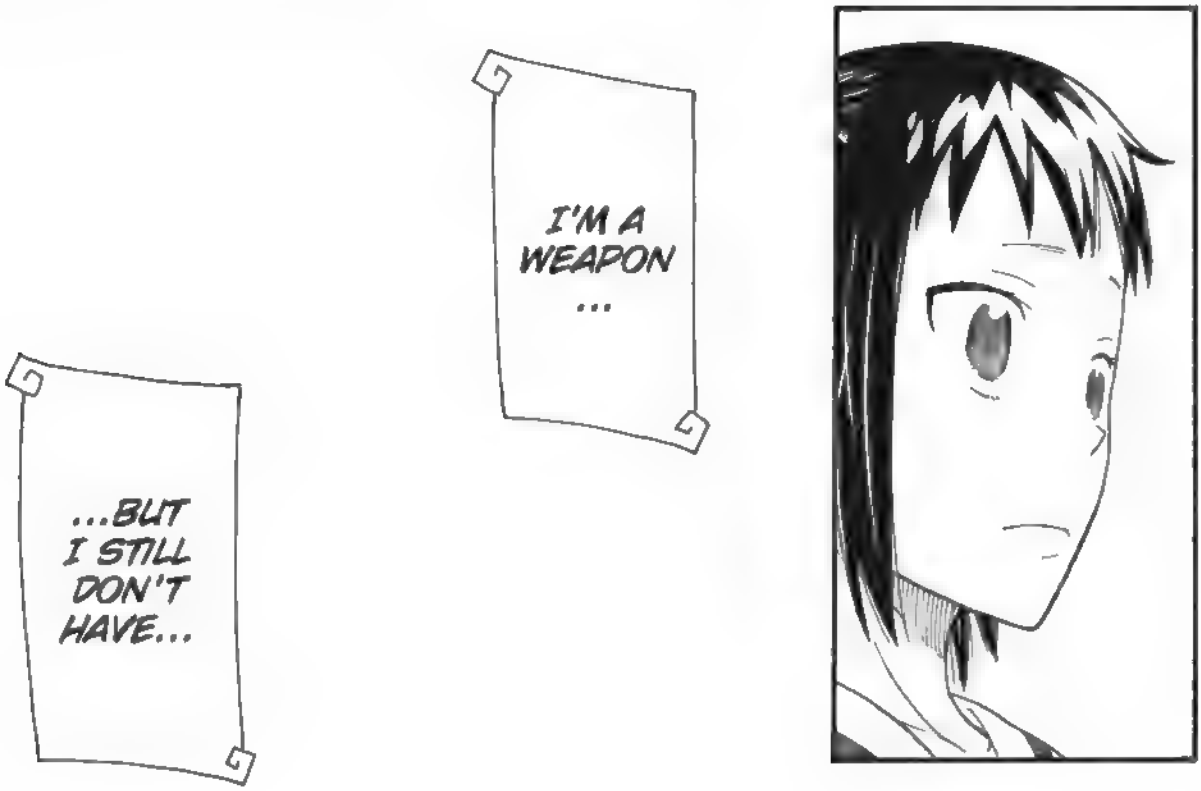
"SEE?"
PON (POP)
FWUH!
I'M AMAZED YOU CAN UNDER-STAND HIM...
UGH!
FAH FUH FEEFOH FWAH FUMF FUFFAH FEH!
"I CAN EVEN MOVE THE LOCATION OF MY FUFFUH HEAD!"
THEIR SOULS CONNECT.
WHEN A MEISTER AND WEAPON TRULY WORK TOGETHER, THEY EVEN SHARE THEIR FEELINGS.
SOUL RESO-NANCE ...
WE CALL THAT "SOUL RESO-NANCE."

THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH YOURSELF. ONCE YOU'RE USED TO RECOGNIZING "I AM A WEAPON," IT'LL BECOME SECOND NATURE.
NEXT!
THE FACT THAT YOUR HEAD REMAINS AFTER YOU TRANS-FORM...
...MEANS THAT YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT BEING A WEAPON TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.
INSTEAD, LET THE IMAGE OF BEING A WEAPON FLOW STRAIGHT THROUGH YOUR BODY.
6.0
5.5

KA
(FLASH)
NEXT!
AARON!
HAAH
...
ZUMU
(FWOOP)
!
4
NEED TO GO TO THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE, AARON-KUN?
POIN
POIN
(DANGLE)
HAAH
...
STILL CAN'T CONTROL YOUR WEAPON POWER, HUH?

HAAH ...
YOU CAN'T BE A PARENT WITHOUT A CHILD, AND YOU CAN'T BE A WEAPON WITHOUT A MEISTER TO WIELD YOU, GET IT? IS THERE ANYONE YOU'D LIKE TO TEAM UP WITH?
YOU GOTTA START BY GETTING A PARTNER, AARON.


A MEISTER AND A WEAPON SHARE THE SAME BODY AND MIND.
AND WEAPONS CAN ONLY BE WEAPONS WHEN MEISTERS USE THEM.
MEISTERS EXIST BECAUSE THERE ARE WEAPONS.


I'M A WEAPON ...
...BUT I STILL DON'T HAVE...

YES.
...
TSUGUMI.

YOU TAKE THIS ONE, THEN.
VERY WELL.
YES... I'M SORRY...
WHAT'S THIS?
YOU GIRLS ARE STILL WORKING AS A TRIO...?

I'M A WEAPON ...

A WEAPON CALLED A "HALBERD" ...

IT'S A SPEAR AND AN AXE, AND IT EVEN HAS A SCYTHE...

LET THE IMAGE FLOW THROUGH ME...

パァァァ。。
PAAAA
(GLOW)
キリキリ
KIRI
(KRIK)
KIRI
KIRI
ガズン
(VWMMM)

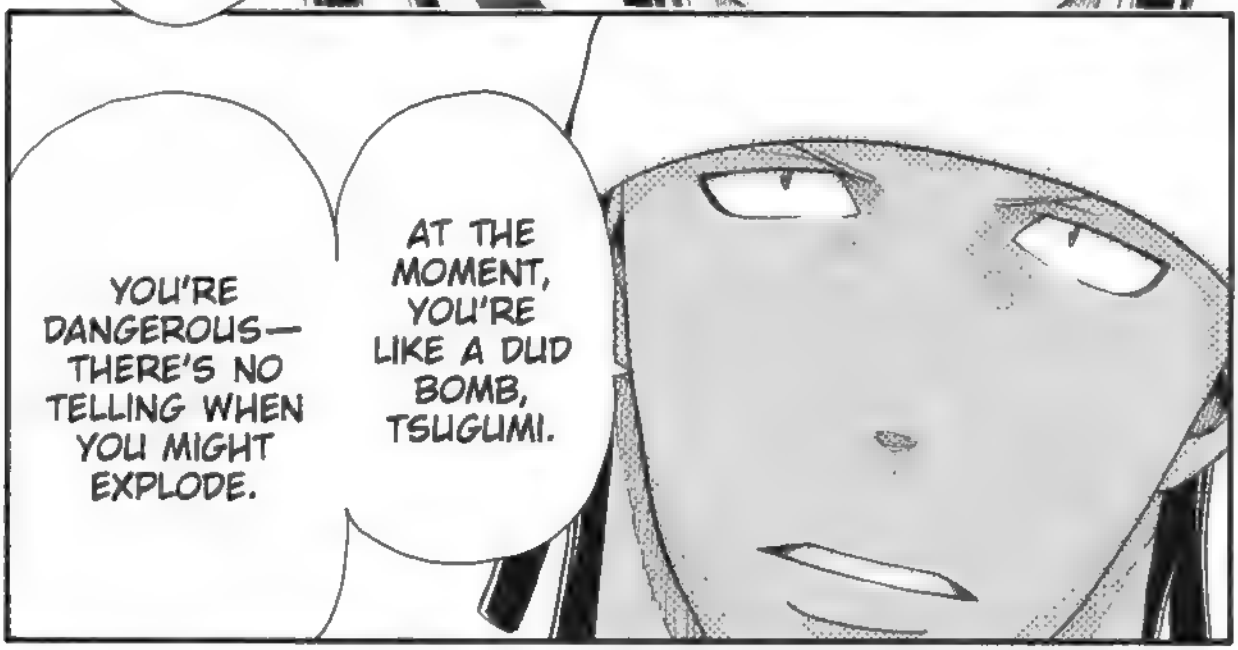
BUT I STILL DON'T HAVE...

...AN ACTUAL BLADE ON ME...

...THE BLADE IS LIKE THE HEART OF A WEAPON.
BUT, TSU-GUMI...
THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF WEAPONS.
YES?

TAN (TEK)

YOU'VE GOT THE FULL-WEAPON TRANSFORMA-TION DOWN, WHICH LOOKS VERY GOOD.
BUT EVEN IF IT MEANS LEAVING YOUR HEAD UNCHANGED, KNOWING WHAT KIND OF BLADE— WHAT KIND OF "POWER"— YOU POSSESS MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE.
YOU "NOT" STUDENTS NEED TO UNDERSTAND YOUR OWN STRENGTH. IT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN LEARN TO CONTROL IT.


AT THE MOMENT, YOU'RE LIKE A DUD BOMB, TSUGUMI.
YOU'RE DANGEROUS— THERE'S NO TELLING WHEN YOU MIGHT EXPLODE.

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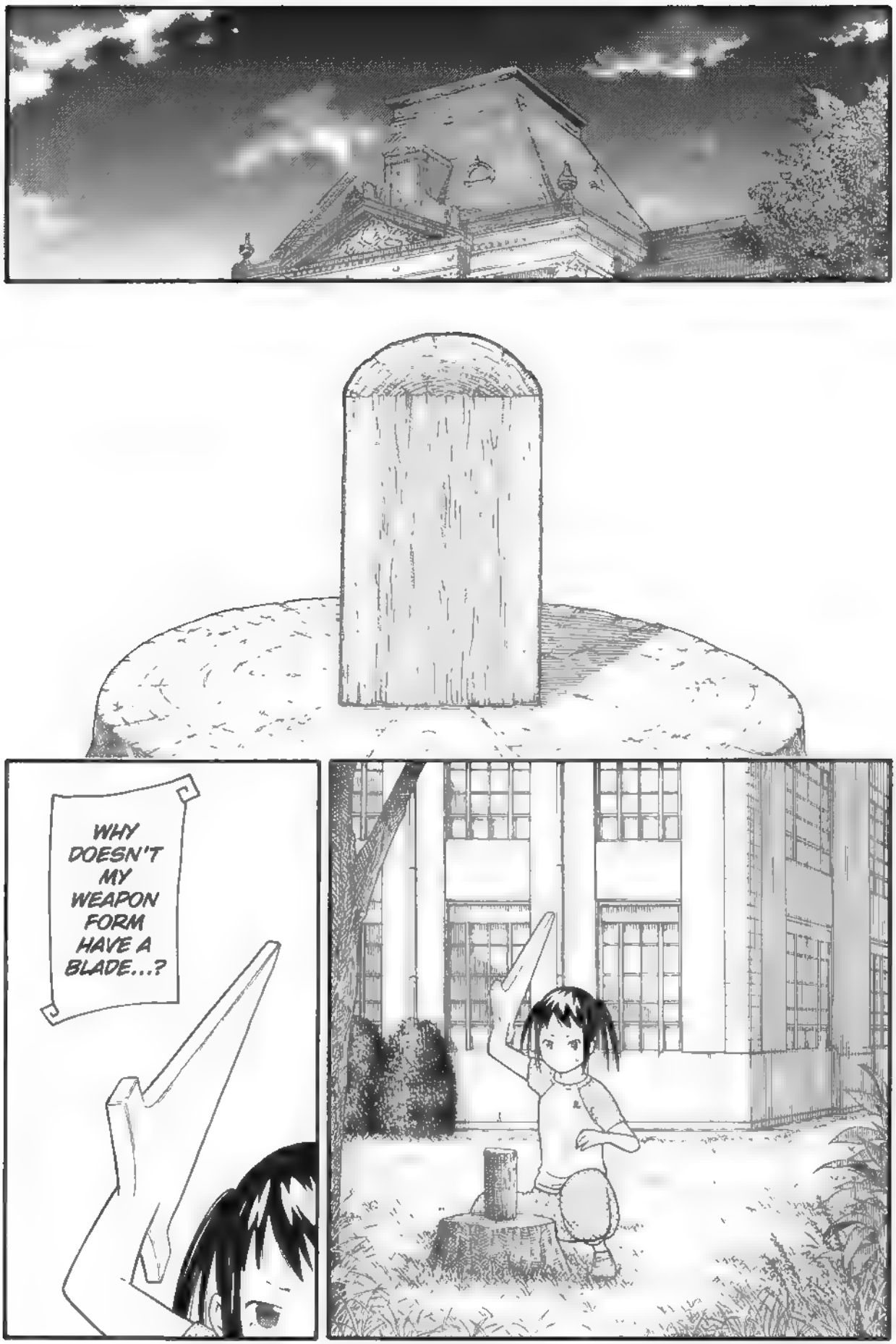
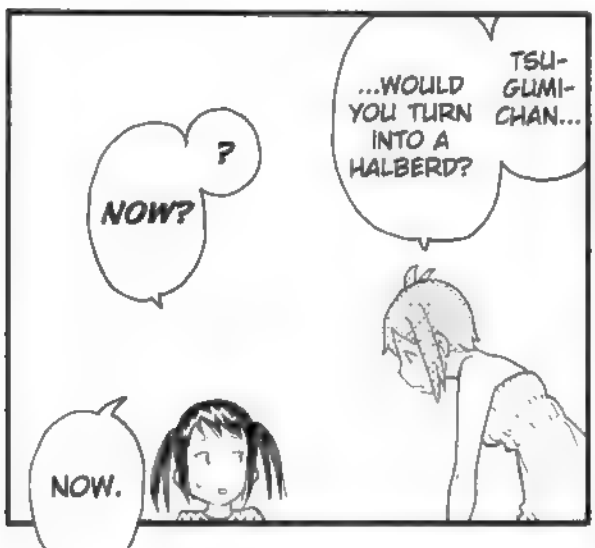
BA DUM
SLEEPING BUST
WHAT IF... THAT TIME...?
3.5
NO EDGE
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T GIVE YOU TOP MARKS FOR THIS.
TRY TO DO SOME THINKING ON WHY YOU CAN'T FORM A GOOD EDGE.
YES, SIR...
YOU MAY GO NOW.
NEXT!

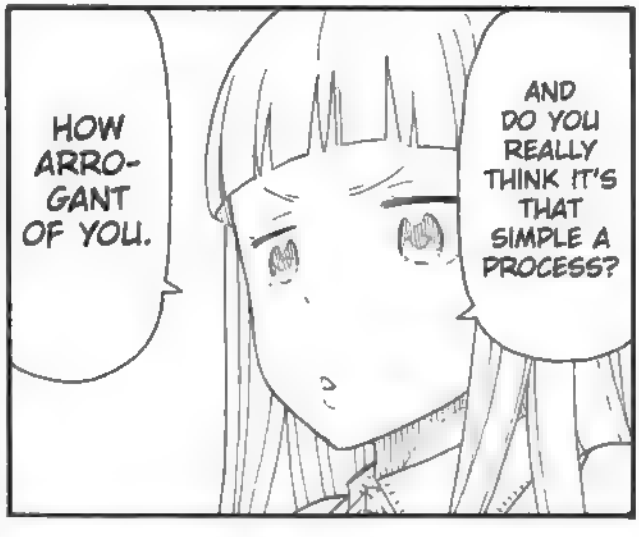

WHY DOESN'T MY WEAPON FORM HAVE A BLADE...?

BACK THEN SOUL-SENPAI PROTECTED MAKA-SENPAI...
...BUT FOR ME... I MIGHT HAVE HURT MY PARTNERS INSTEAD.
WITH MY BLADE...
MY BLADE!
KON
CWHOK

JIIN
(STIIING)
ZURU
(SLIP)
TEN
(FLOP)
NNH...
BA
(WHOOSH)

WHAT FOOLISHNESS ARE YOU GETTING UP TO OUT HERE?
YOU WERE WATCHING ME...?
I WANT TO PUT A PROPER EDGE ON MY BLADE.
SO I AT LEAST WANT TO BE STRONG ENOUGH TO KEEP YOU BOTH SAFE...
LIKE IN TODAY'S CLASS...
YOU'RE BOTH SO STRONG... I JUST FEEL ASHAMED THAT I'M SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR PARTNER WHEN I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING ON MY OWN...

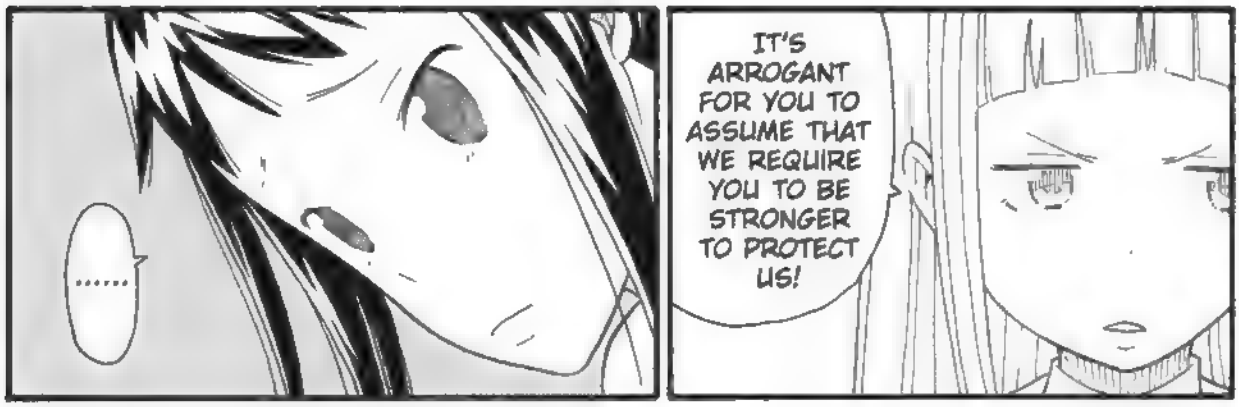

TSUGUMI-CHAN...
...WOULD YOU TURN INTO A HALBERD?
NOW?
?
NOW.


HOW ARROGANT OF YOU.
AND DO YOU REALLY THINK IT'S THAT SIMPLE A PROCESS?

DO
(BOOM)

11
PASU
(PASS)
ANYA-
SAN!!

SU (SHHP)
IF I HAVE, I'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT...
.....
I GUESS MEME-SAN HAS AS WELL.
FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, I'VE UNDERGONE FIERCE TRAINING.
YOU'RE BOTH...
...
...INCREDIBLE...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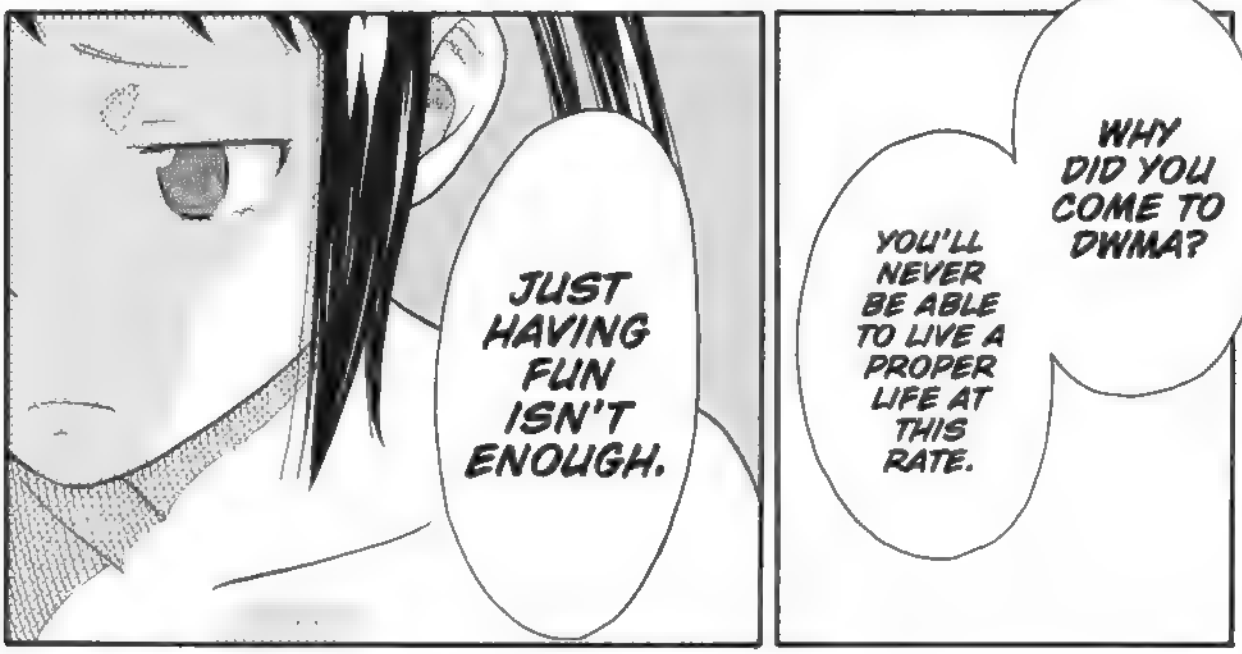
IT'S ARROGANT FOR YOU TO ASSUME THAT WE REQUIRE YOU TO BE STRONGER TO PROTECT US!

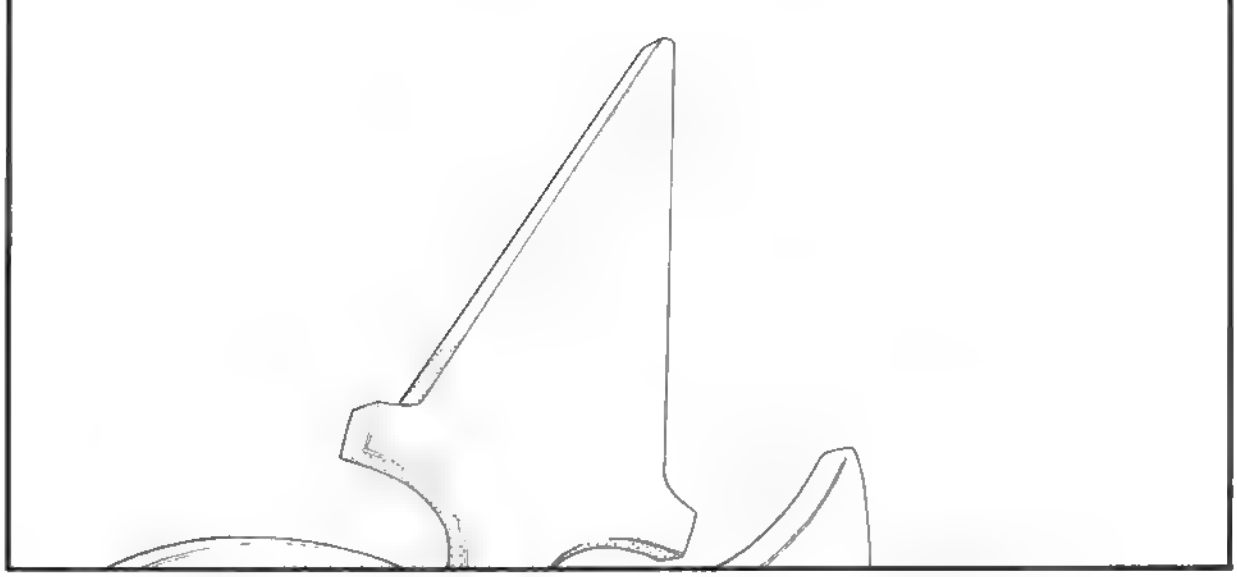
TSU-GUMI-CHAN...
...IF YOU REALLY WANT TO PROTECT SOMEONE, THE QUICKEST WAY WOULD BE TO CHOOSE A PARTNER AND GROW STRONGER ALONGSIDE EACH OTHER.

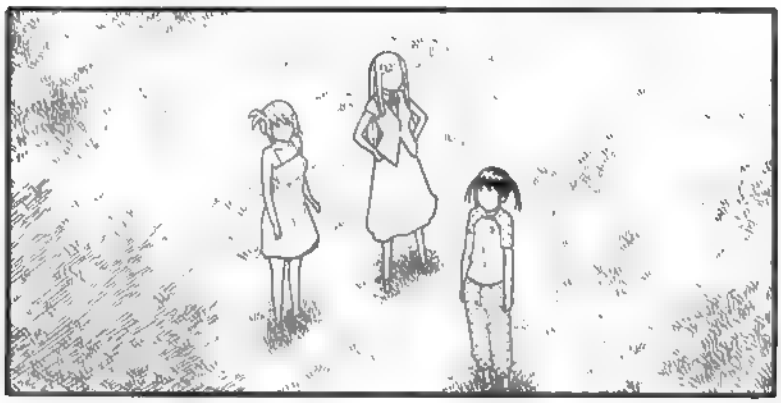
ARE YOU PREPARED TO DO THAT?

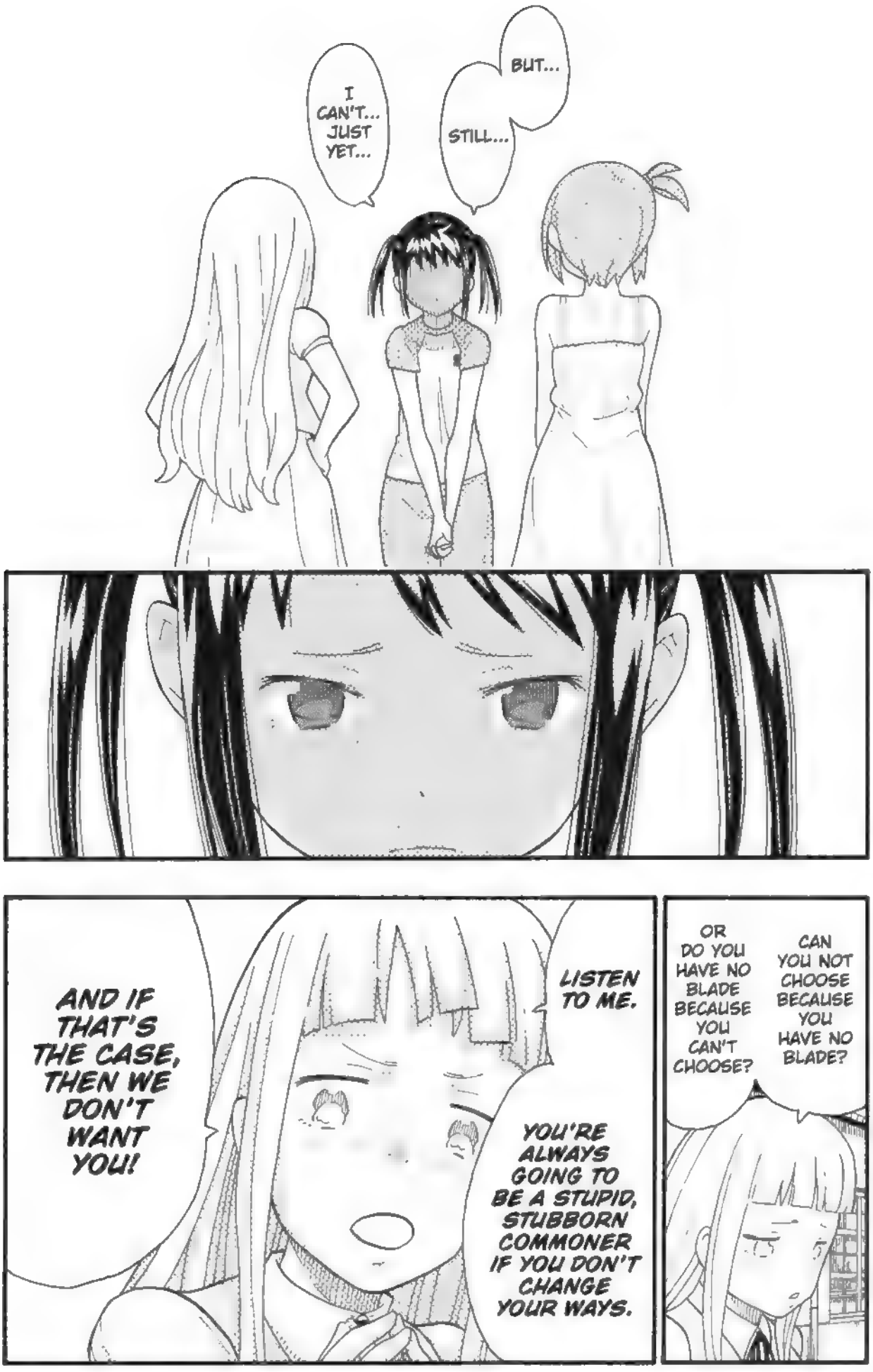
I HAVE NO RIGHT TO CHOOSE BETWEEN YOU...
I CAN'T EVEN PUT AN EDGE ON MY WEAPON...

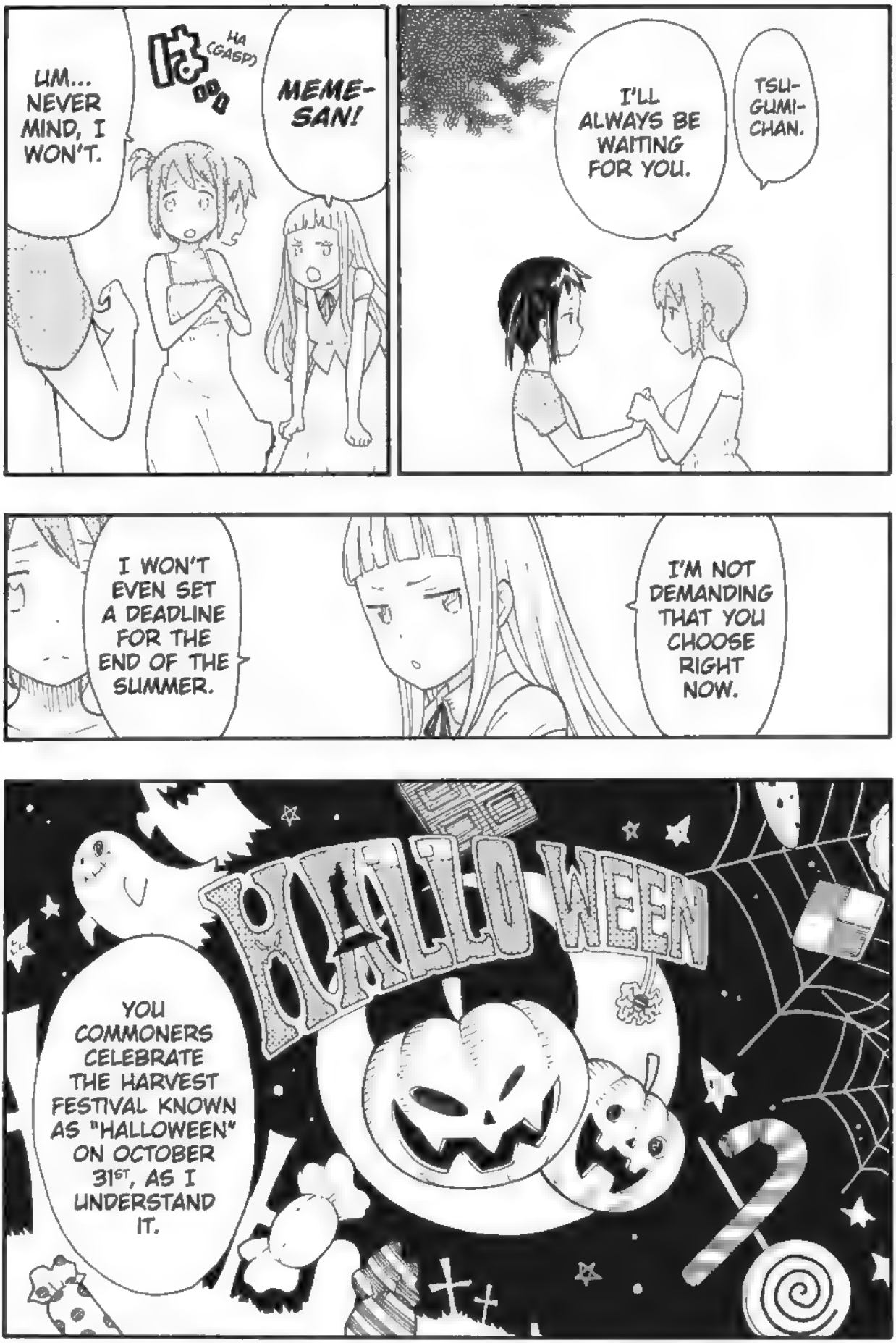
DO YOU KNOW WHY YOU DON'T HAVE A BLADE?
YOU USE THIS "WHEN I'M STRONG" EXCUSE AS A CRUTCH TO PUT OFF YOUR DECISION...
...WHEN THE FACT IS YOU DON'T HAVE A BLADE BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT MAKING A DECISION!


WHY DID YOU COME TO DWMA?
YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO LIVE A PROPER LIFE AT THIS RATE.
JUST HAVING FUN ISN'T ENOUGH.



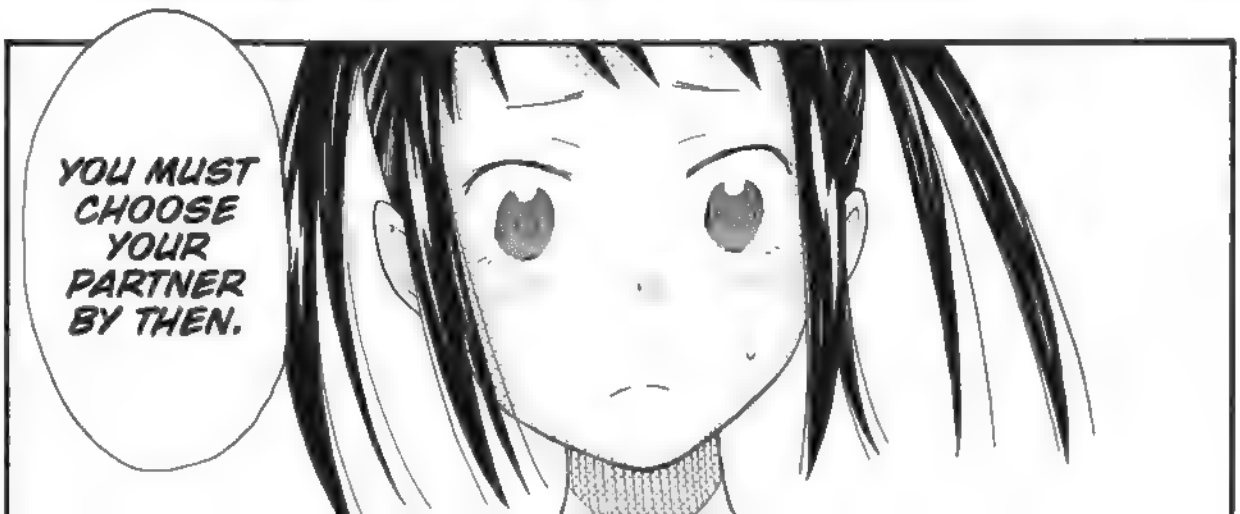



I CAN'T... JUST YET...
BUT... STILL...
CAN YOU NOT CHOOSE BECAUSE YOU HAVE NO BLADE?
OR DO YOU HAVE NO BLADE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T CHOOSE?
LISTEN TO ME.
YOU'RE ALWAYS GOING TO BE A STUPID, STUBBORN COMMONER IF YOU DON'T CHANGE YOUR WAYS.
AND IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN WE DON'T WANT YOU!


UM... NEVER MIND, I WON'T.
HA (GASP)
MEME-SAN!
I'LL ALWAYS BE WAITING FOR YOU.
TSU-GUMI-CHAN.
I WON'T EVEN SET A DEADLINE FOR THE END OF THE SUMMER.
I'M NOT DEMANDING THAT YOU CHOOSE RIGHT NOW.
YOU COMMONERS CELEBRATE THE HARVEST FESTIVAL KNOWN AS "HALLOWEEN" ON OCTOBER 31ST, AS I UNDERSTAND IT.
HALLOWEEN

HERE AT DWMA, WE HOLD THE "DEATH FESTIVAL" ON THAT DAY.
DEATH FESTIVAL

MEME-SAN OR ME.


YOU MUST CHOOSE YOUR PARTNER BY THEN.

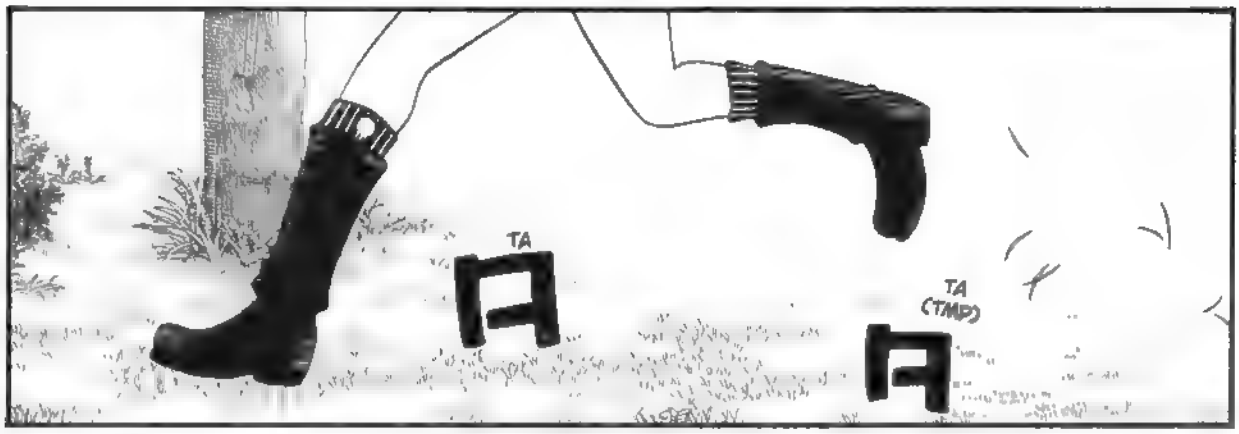
SOUL EATER
NOT!

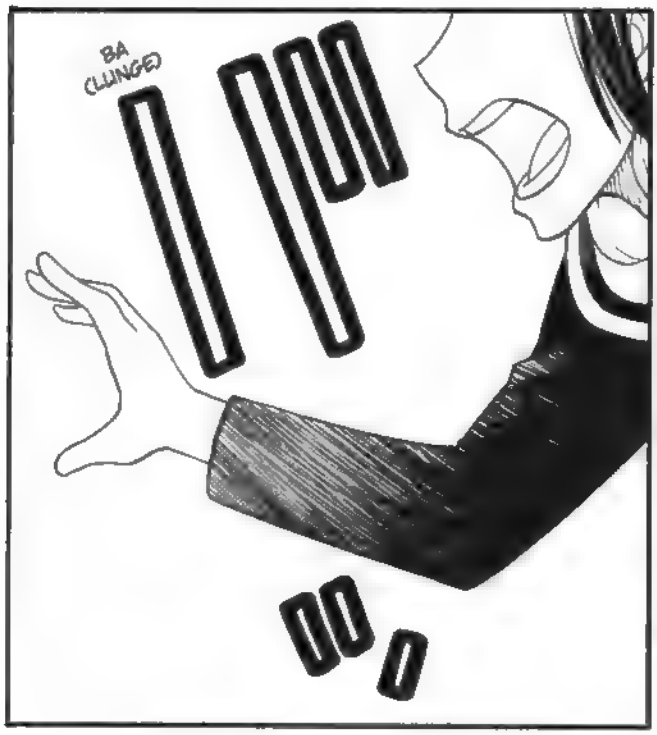
SOUL EATER NOT!

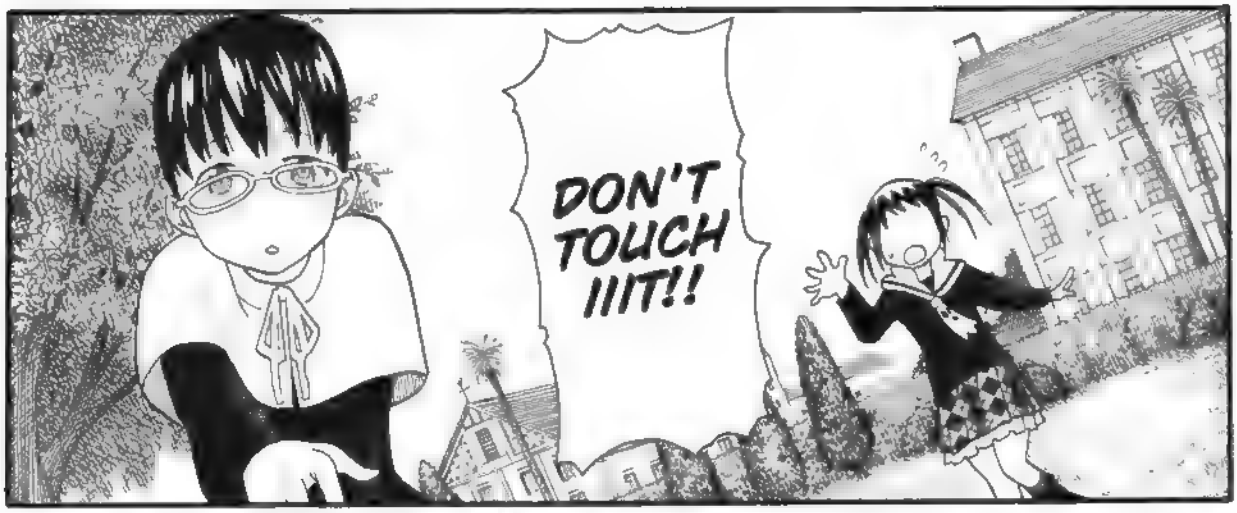
ATSUSHI OHKUBO

PART 9

HANG ON A JOT



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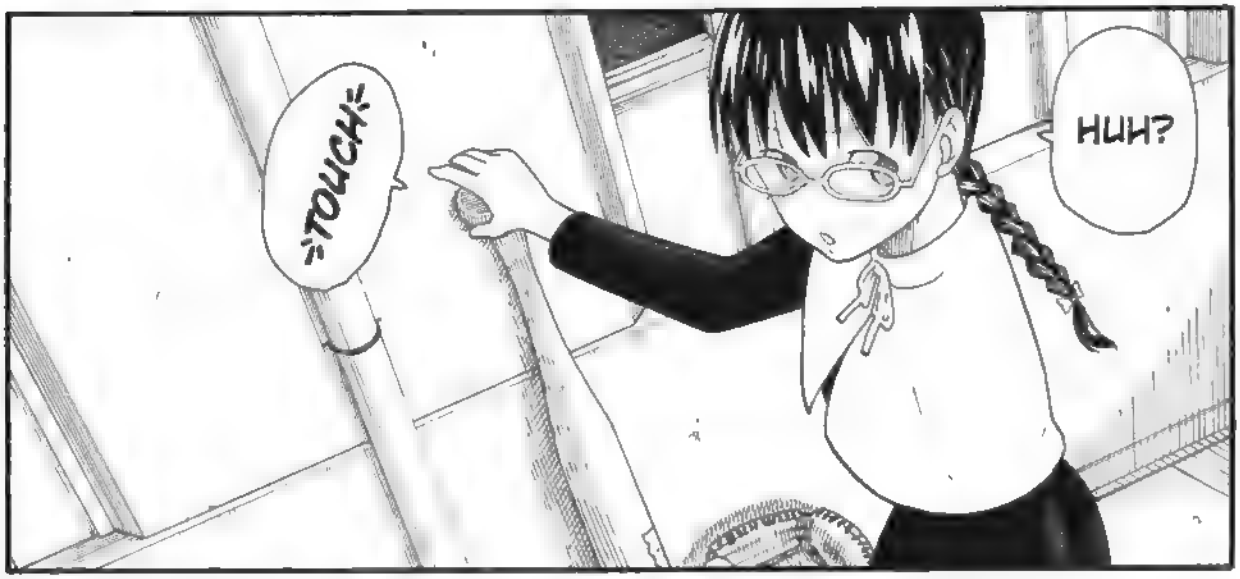
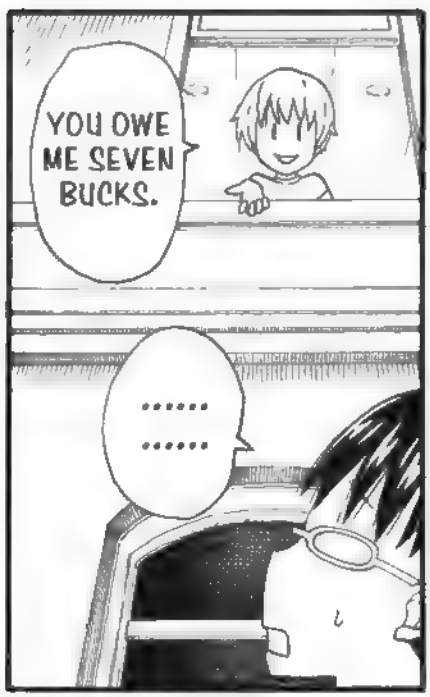
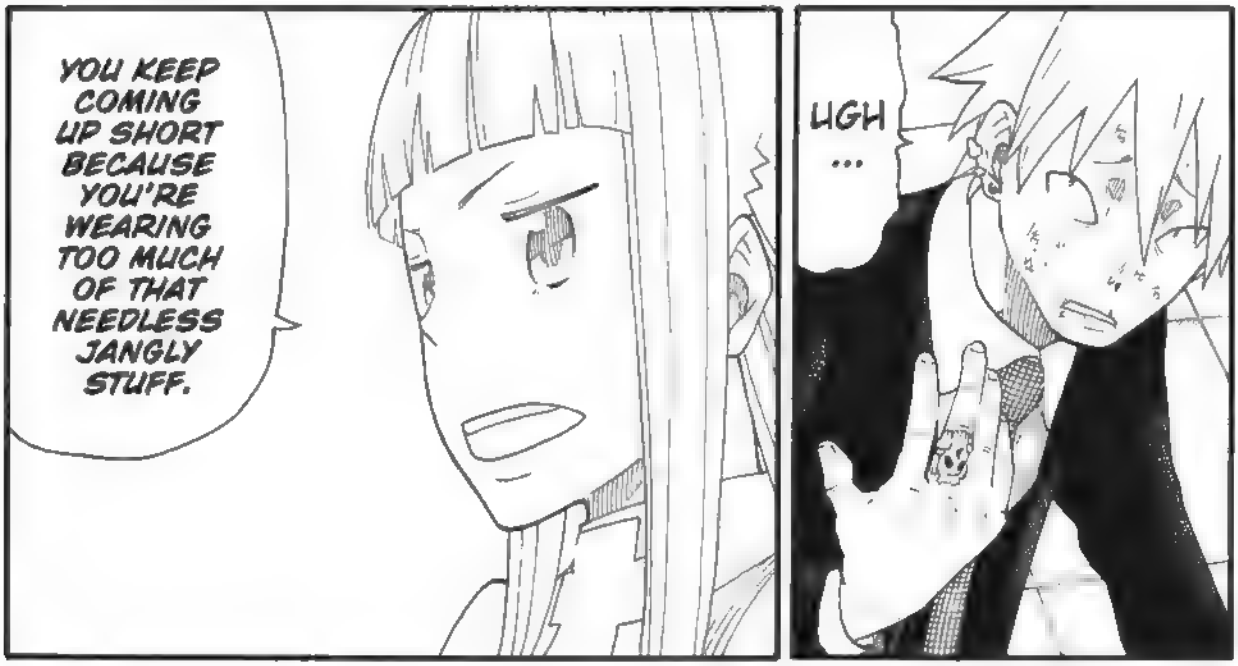

=TOUCH=
HUH?


YOU OWE ME SEVEN BUCKS.
.....
.....

BOMB

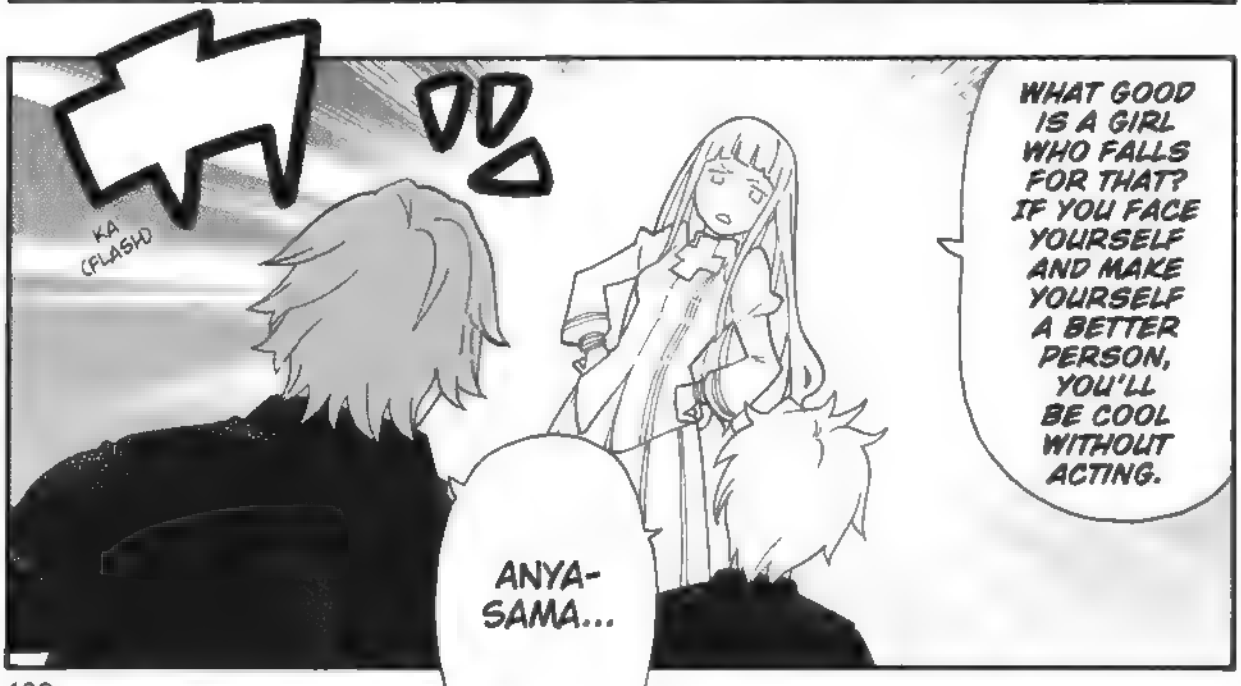
A JOT AT A TIME

SHOULD WE PUT IN SOME MORE TRAINING SESSIONS?
WE'RE NOT QUITE THERE. GOTTA KEEP TRYING.
RAID-SAN AND HAO-SAN HAVE CHANGED A LOT SINCE COMING TO DWMA.



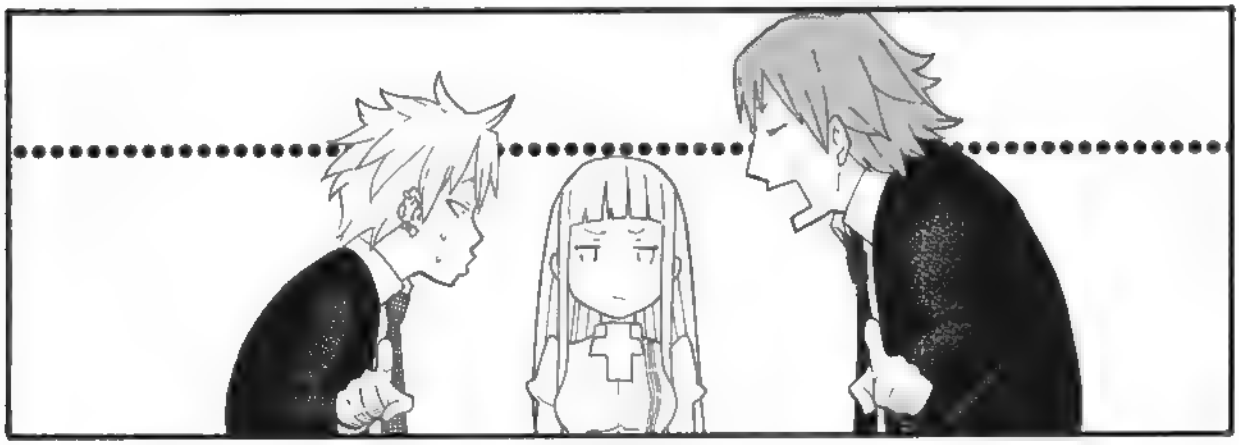
IF YOUR HAIR IS A CONSTANT DISTRACTION, CUT IT OFF.
IF YOU HAVE TIME TO STARE AT YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR, TRY FACING THE SELF YOU DON'T SEE THERE.

THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY, BUT ANYA...
...GIRLS LOVE GUYS WHO ARE ALL FLASHY AND FASHIONABLE AND STUFF, RIGHT? IT'S WAY BETTER TO JUST TALK A BUNCH OF CRAP AND ACT COOL—


WHAT GOOD IS A GIRL WHO FALLS FOR THAT? IF YOU FACE YOURSELF AND MAKE YOURSELF A BETTER PERSON, YOU'LL BE COOL WITHOUT ACTING.
KA (FLASH)
ANYA-SAMA...

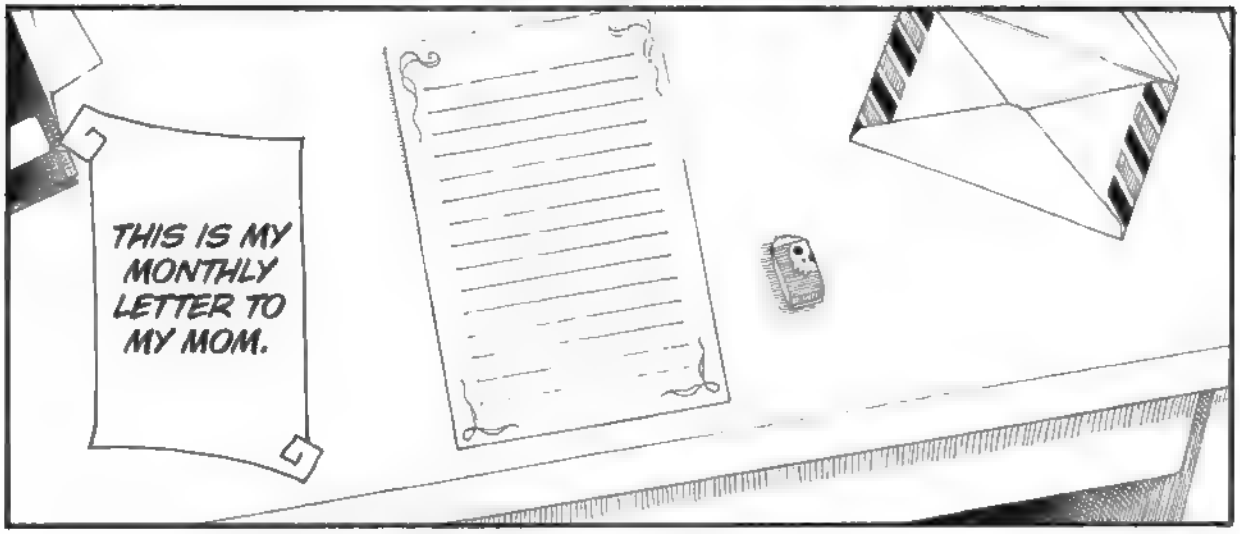
A JOT IMPOSSIBLE

LOOK AT YOUR STUPID HAIR! IT MAKES YOU LOOK LIKE SUCH A CREEP!!
NO WAY.
ZUN (GLOOM)
D.CITY

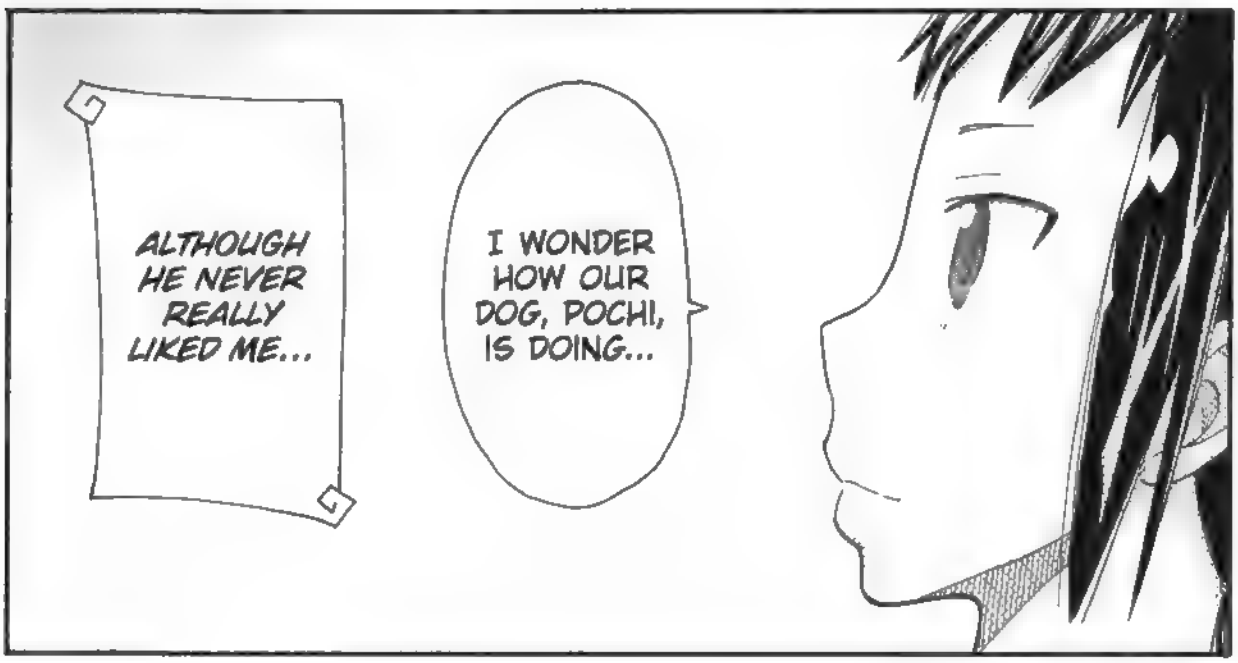


EVERY-THING HAS ITS LIMITS.

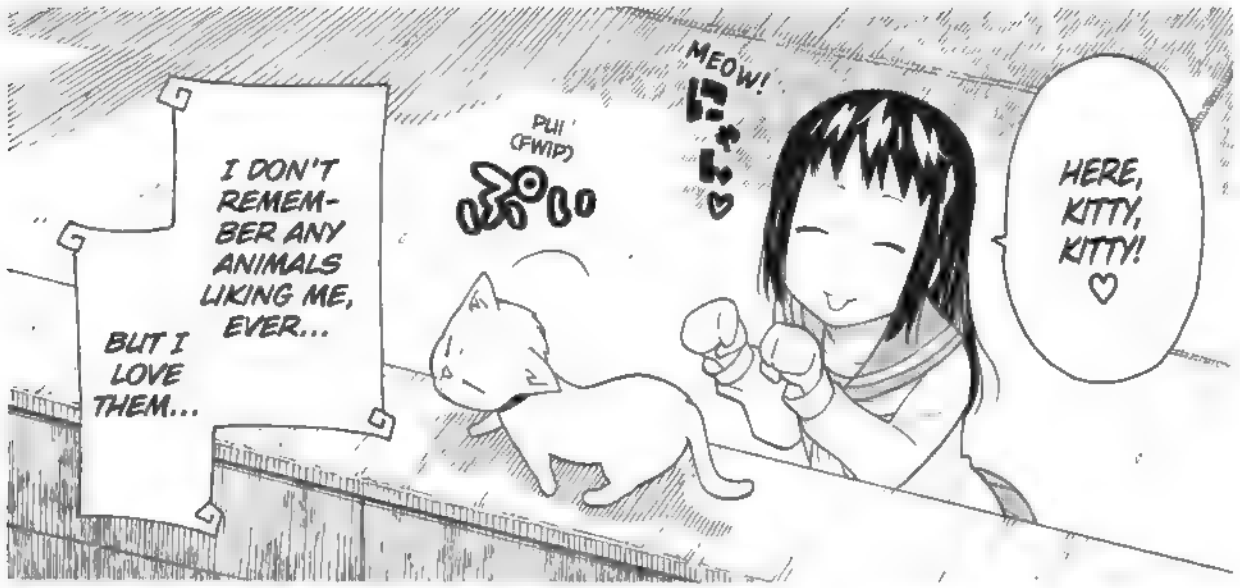
A JOT WRONG


THIS IS MY MONTHLY LETTER TO MY MOM.

HMM, WHAT SHOULD I WRITE...?
I COULD MAKE AN INTER-NATIONAL CALL, BUT HEARING HER VOICE WILL ONLY MAKE ME HOMESICK, SO I'M GOING WITH LETTERS INSTEAD.


ALTHOUGH HE NEVER REALLY LIKED ME...
I WONDER HOW OUR DOG, POCHI, IS DOING...

LIKE ONE OF THOSE ANIMAL INSTINCT THINGS...
MAYBE HE NEVER TOOK TO ME BECAUSE HE KNEW I HAD WEAPON POWERS.


I DON'T REMEMBER ANY ANIMALS LIKING ME, EVER...
BUT I LOVE THEM...
PUI (FWIP)
MEOW! にゃー♡
HERE, KITTY, KITTY! ♡

I'M SURE EVEN POCHI WILL LIKE ME THEN.
THEN THEY'LL COME, TAILS WAGGING!
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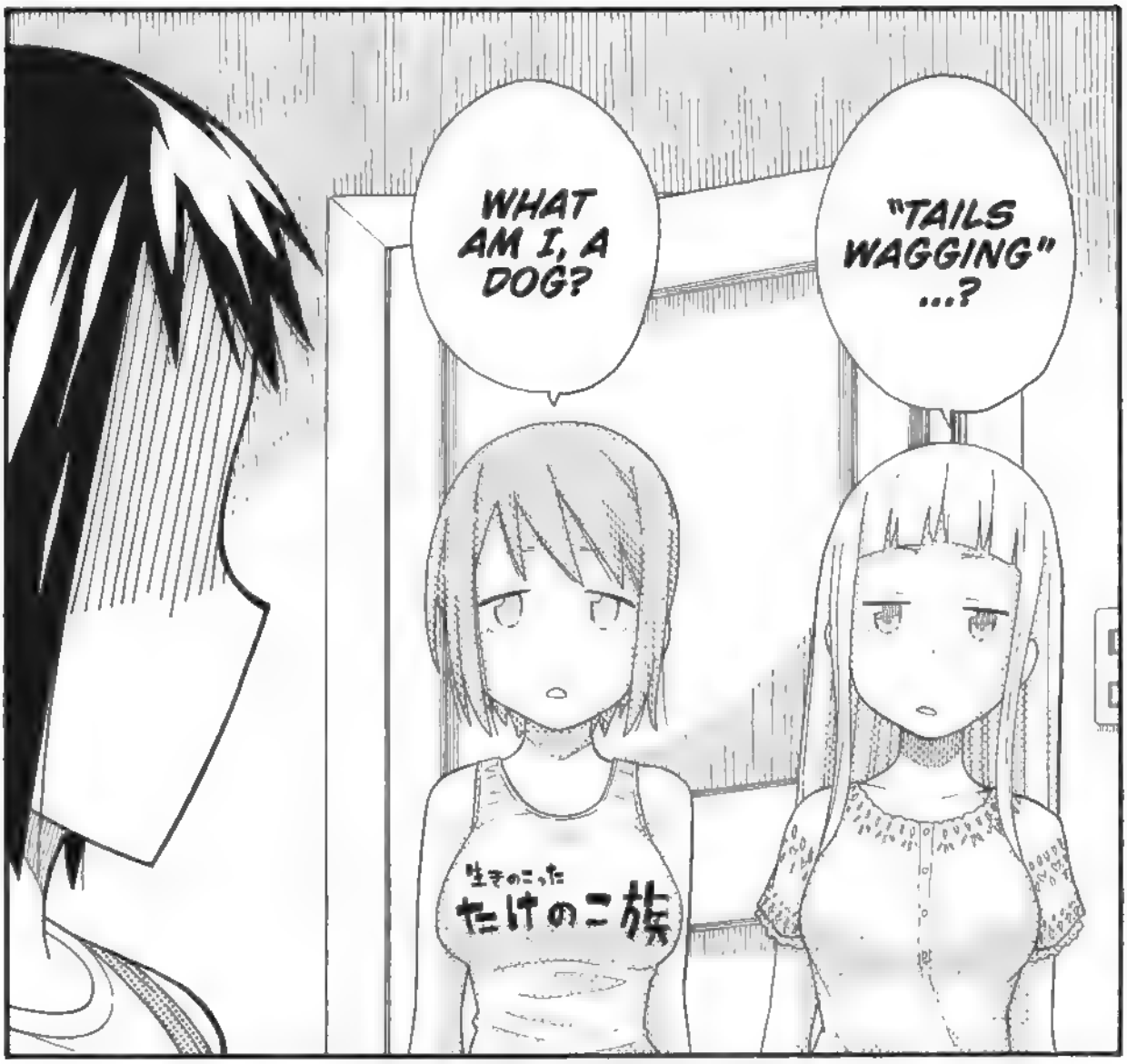
MUFUNFUN (HARRUMPH)
I REALLY NEED TO LEARN HOW TO CONTROL MY WEAPON POWERS!



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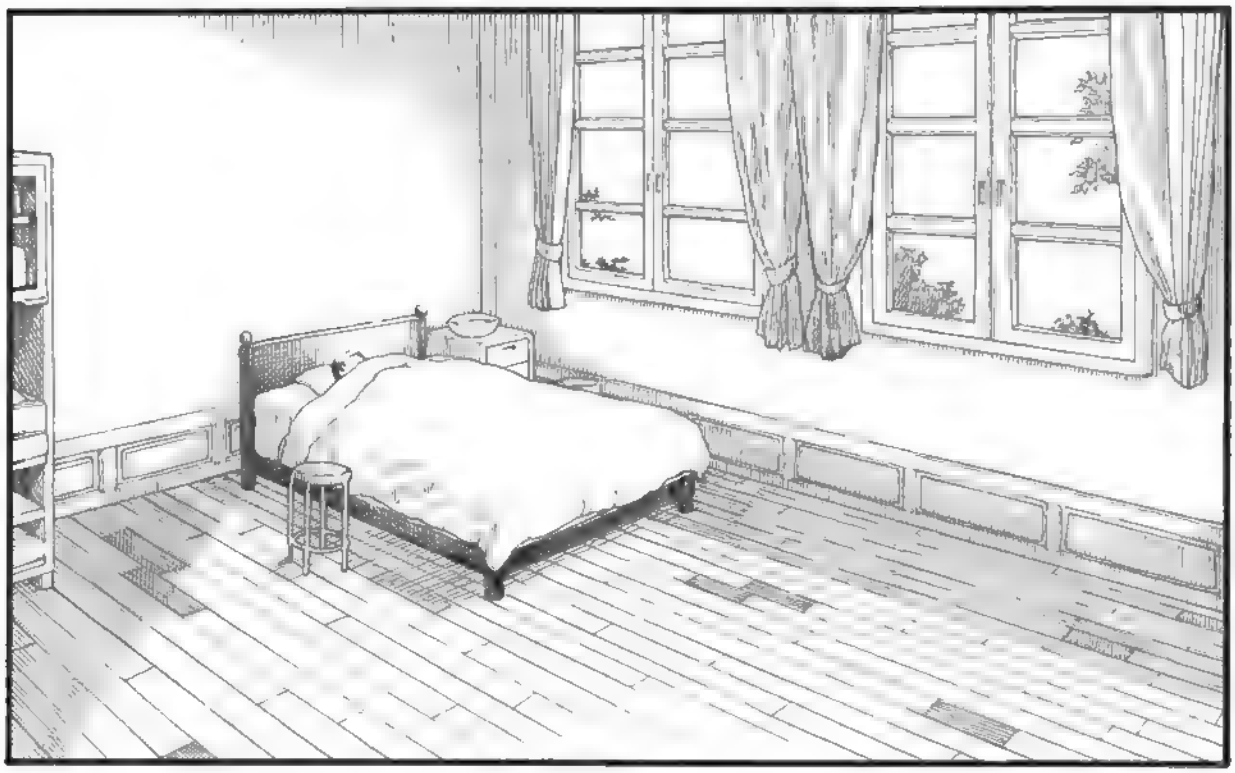
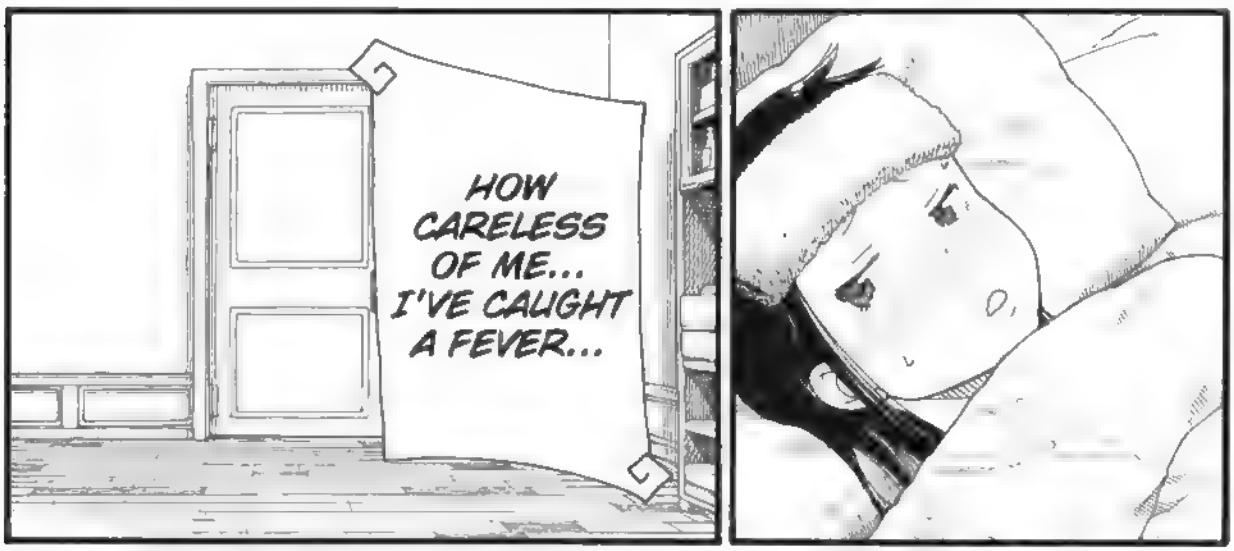
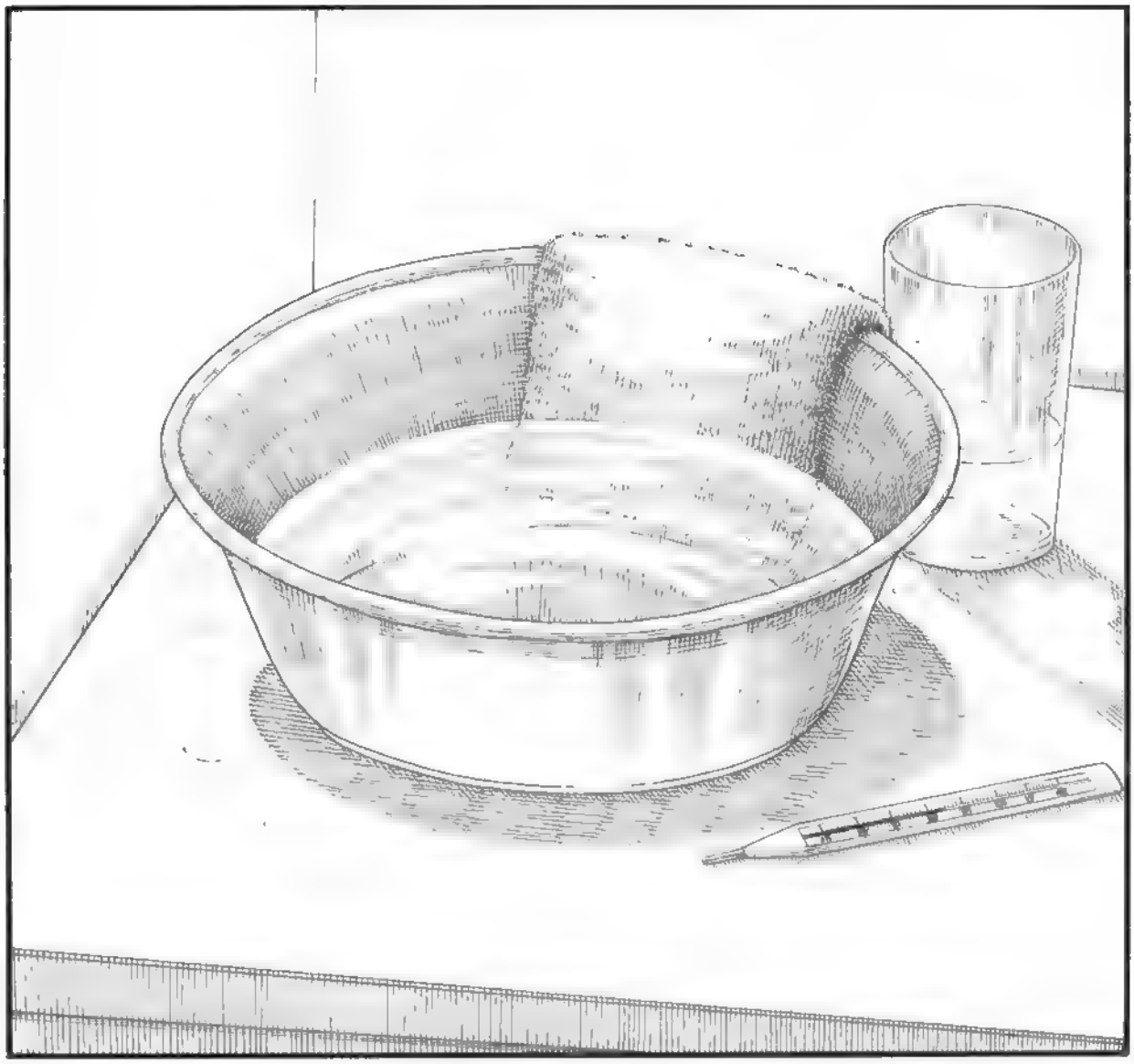
SOUL EATER
NOT!




HOW CARELESS OF ME... I'VE CAUGHT A FEVER...



SOUL EATER NOT!

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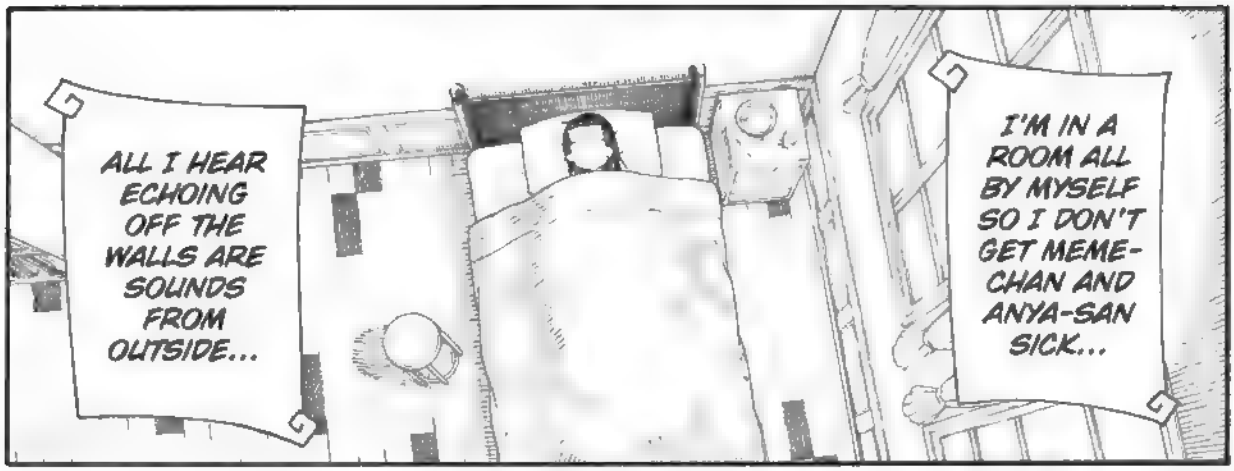
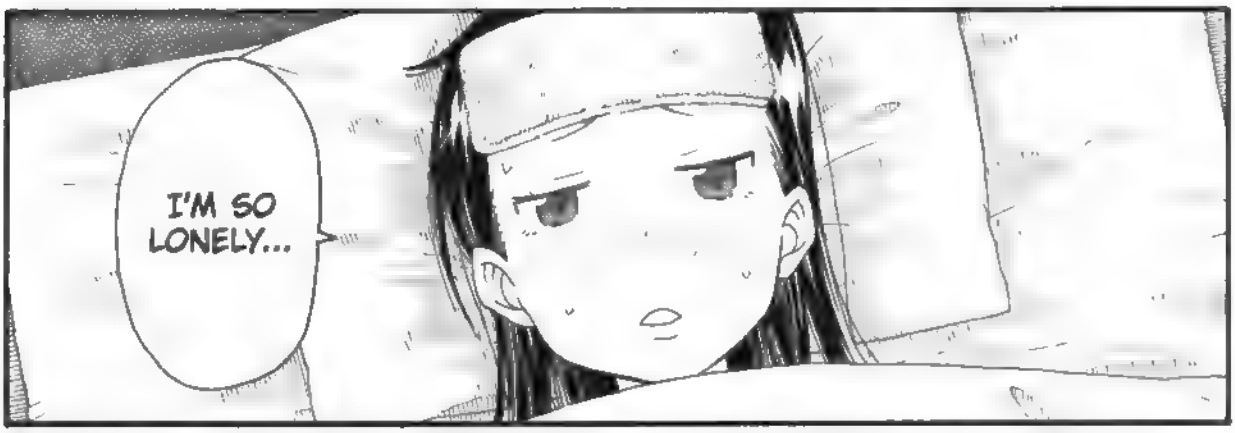
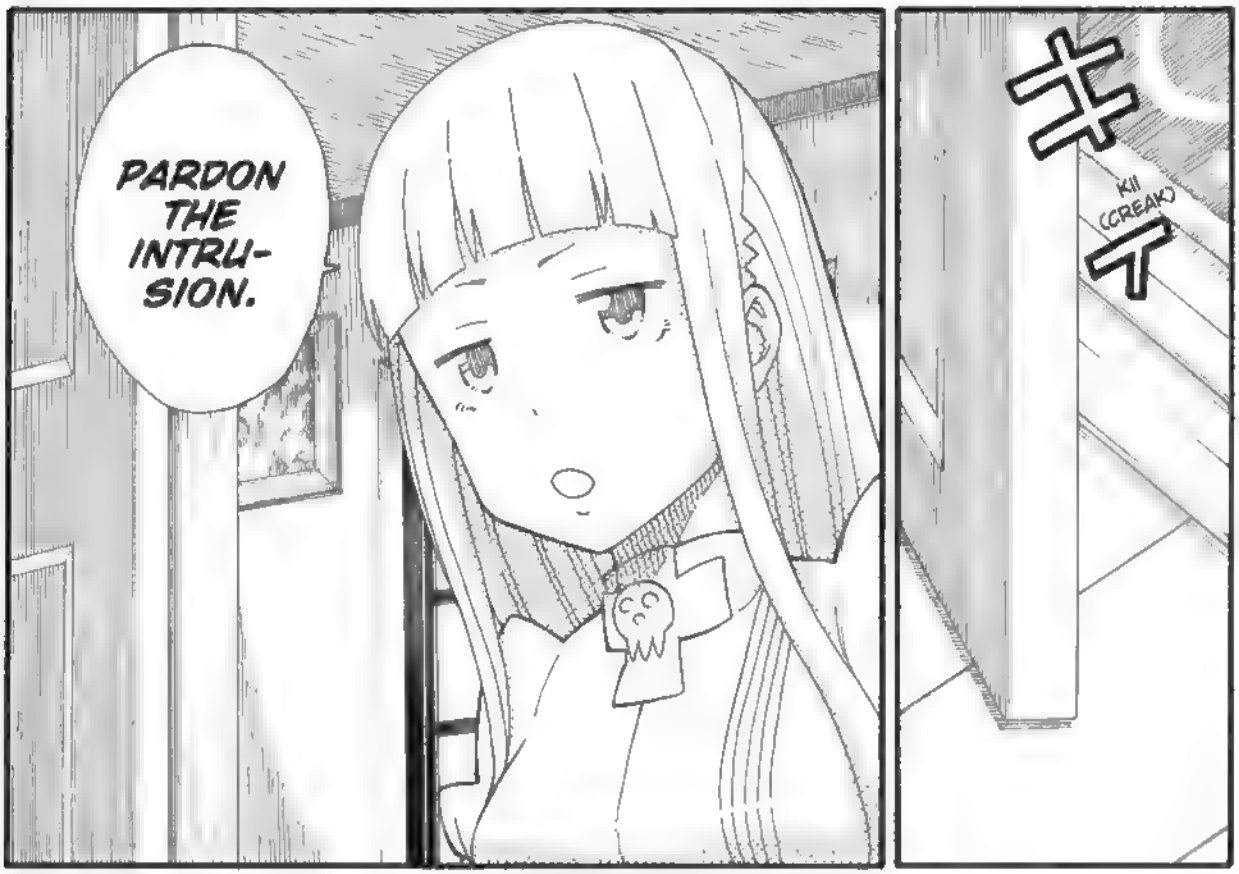
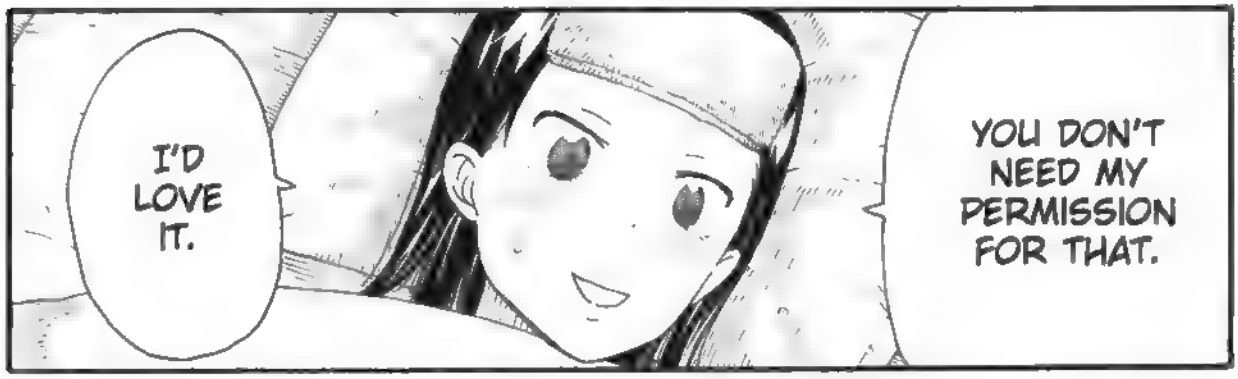

ALL I HEAR ECHOING OFF THE WALLS ARE SOUNDS FROM OUTSIDE...
I'M IN A ROOM ALL BY MYSELF SO I DON'T GET MEME-CHAN AND ANYA-SAN SICK...

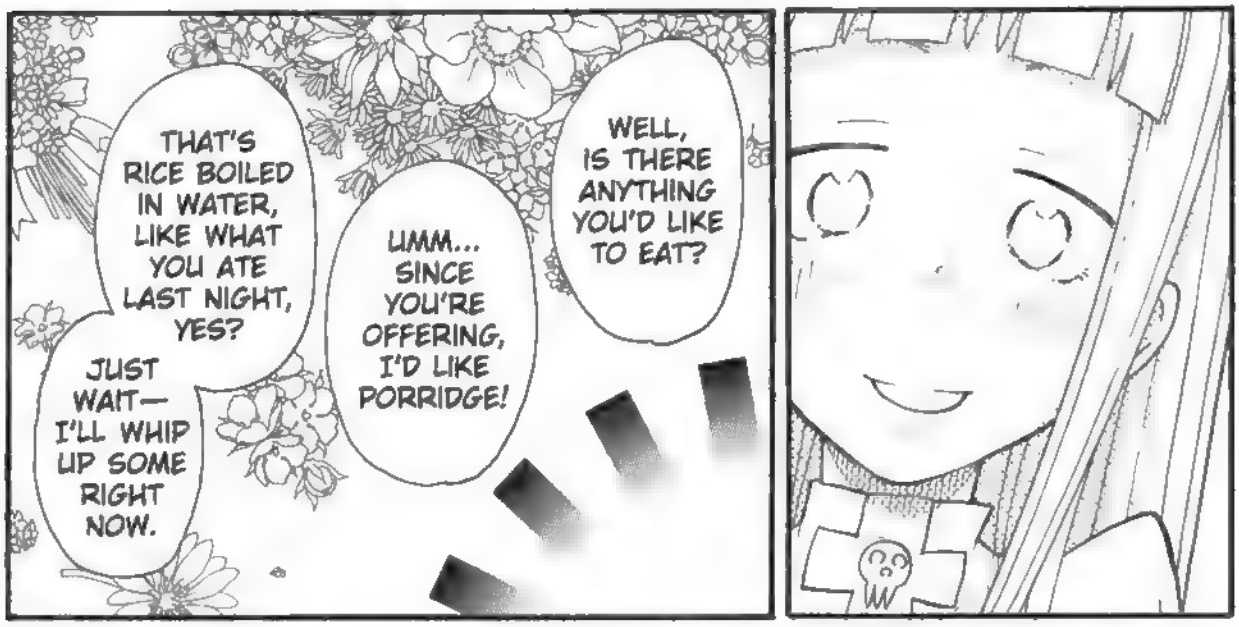

I'M SO LONELY...


PARDON THE INTRU-SION.
KII (CREAK)

PETE (SPLAT)
THANK YOU.
GYUU (SQUEEZE)
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
FEELING A BIT BETTER. MY APPETITE IS COMING BACK.
BACK HOME...I WAS ALWAYS PAMPERED BY EVERYONE ELSE, AND IT MADE ME FEEL GUILTY.
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE ABLE TO DO MORE FOR OTHERS.

IS YOUR COLD TROUBLING YOU, TSUGUMI-SAN? MAY I TEND TO YOUR NEEDS?


I'D LOVE IT.
YOU DON'T NEED MY PERMISSION FOR THAT.

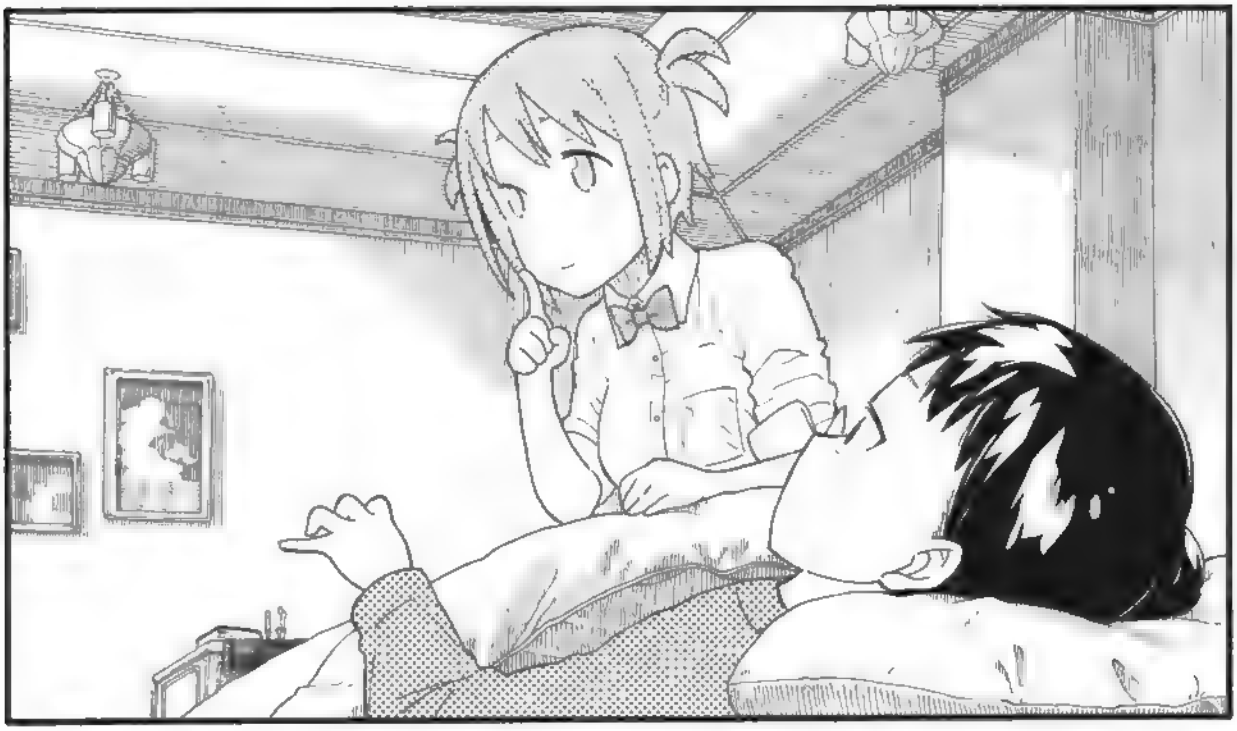

WELL, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO EAT?
UMM... SINCE YOU'RE OFFERING, I'D LIKE PORRIDGE!
THAT'S RICE BOILED IN WATER, LIKE WHAT YOU ATE LAST NIGHT, YES?
JUST WAIT— I'LL WHIP UP SOME RIGHT NOW.

TSUGUMI-CHAN, I MADE YOU SOME PORRIDGE.

PORO (CRIP)
ポロ
PORO
ポロ
?
AH.
W-WELL... COULD YOU...PEEL THAT APPLE OVER THERE, FOR WHEN I'M DONE WITH THE PORRIDGE?
...

I changed my outfit— I think this will make it easier for me to assist you.
SAY, "AAAH"!
AAAAH...
THE WAY YOU BLEW ON IT TO COOL IT DOWN MAKES US SEEM LIKE LOVESICK NEWLYWEDS, MEME-CHAN.
OH, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? HA-HA-HA!
PUU (POUT)
IS IT TOO HOT?
-GULP- YUMMY!

CHIRI
CHIRI (PEEL)
GU
GU (SHLINK)
CHIRI
CHIRI
POFU (PAT)
ANYA-SAN, MAYBE YOU SHOULD—
SHE MIGHT HURT HER-SELF...



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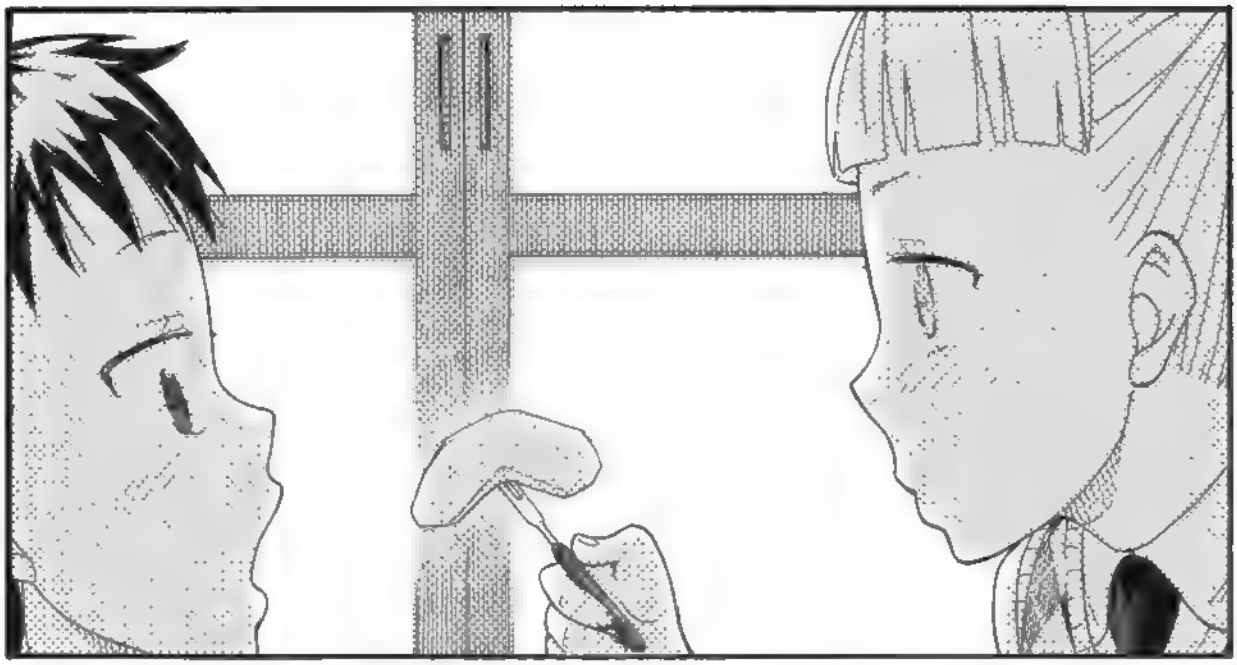
OHHH, WOW!
BUT THE PEEL IS BAD FOR DIGESTION, SO I'LL CUT IT OFF FIRST.

Tsu-gumi-san—
It's a little bunny! ♪



MOSHI
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CHUNCHU
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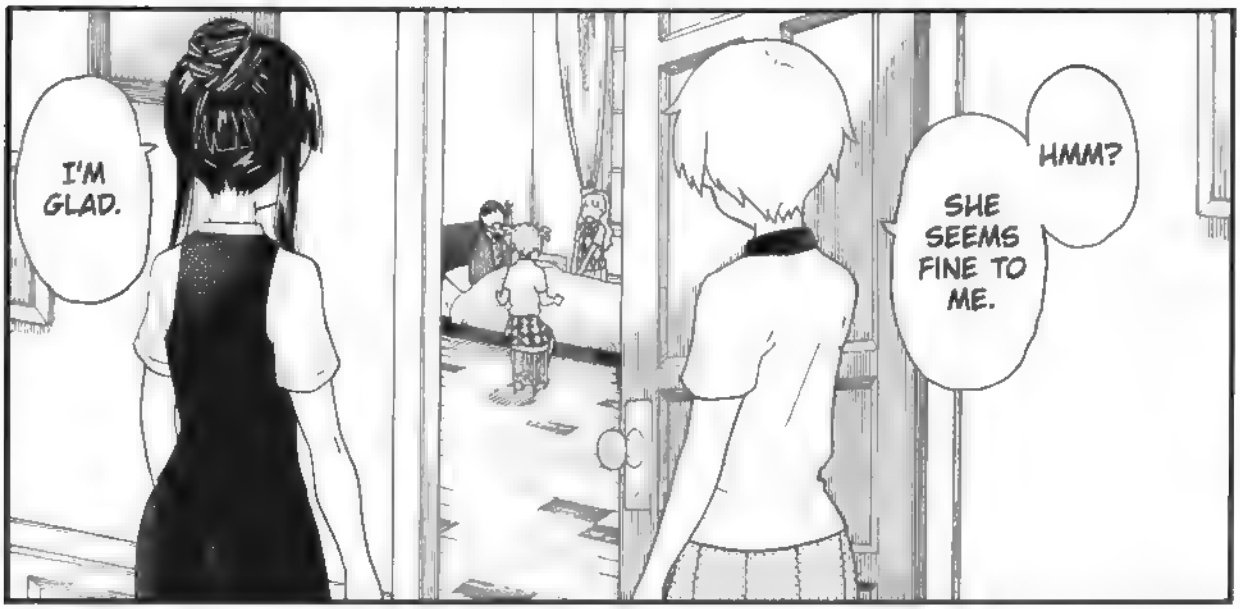
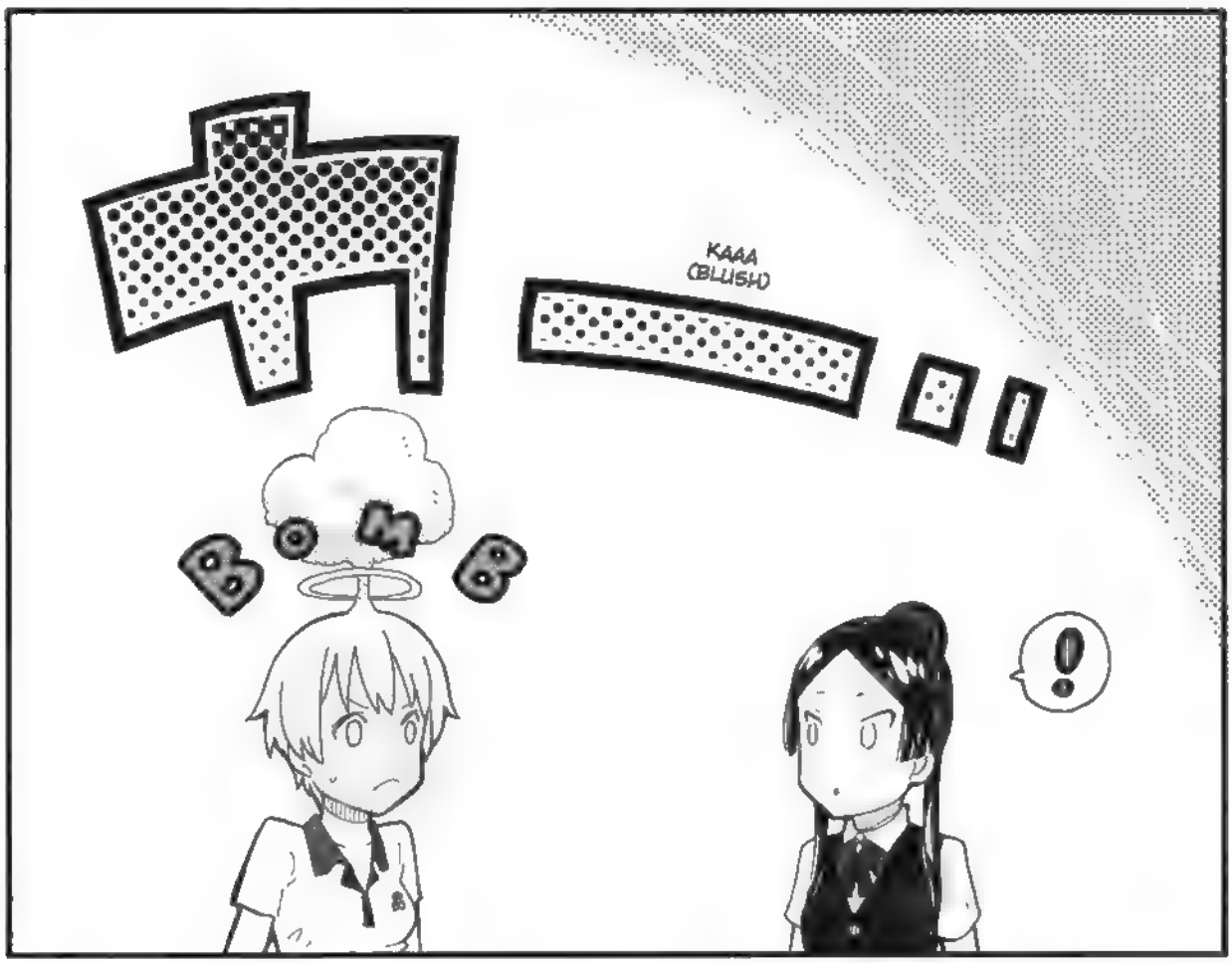
YOU WERE VERY CAREFUL AND DELIBERATE WHEN YOU CUT IT...
...SO THE WARMTH OF YOUR HANDS MADE IT—
ビシッ
BISHI (WHAP)
.....
HOW IS IT?

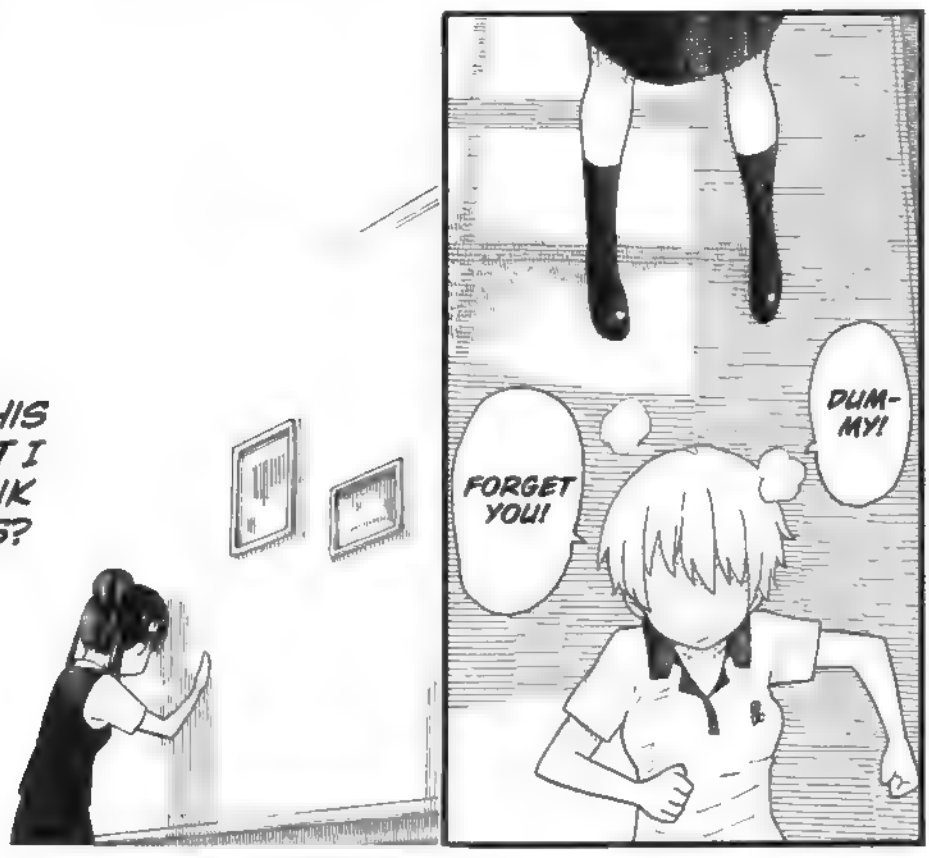

I'M GLAD.
HMM?
SHE SEEMS FINE TO ME.

WITCHES AREN'T SUPPOSED TO USE THEIR MAGIC FOR JUST ANY OLD THING.
CAN'T YOU HEAL HER WITH MAGIC?

ARE YOU JEALOUS, KIM?
WHY WOULD I BE? BESIDES, I'M NOT ALONE ANYMORE.

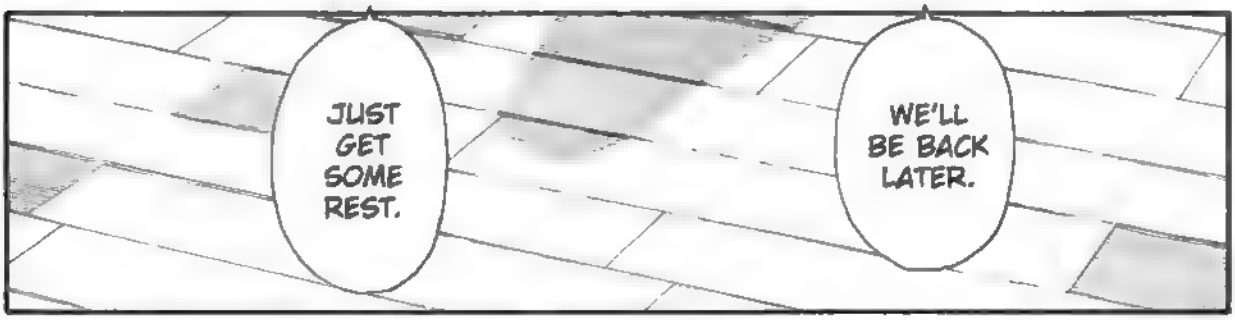
TO THOSE THREE, EVEN CATCHING A COLD IS ALMOST LIKE A FUN LITTLE EVENT.
IT'S AS IF THEY CAN ENJOY ANYTHING AS LONG AS THEY'RE TOGETHER.


KAAA
(BLUSH)
BOMB
!

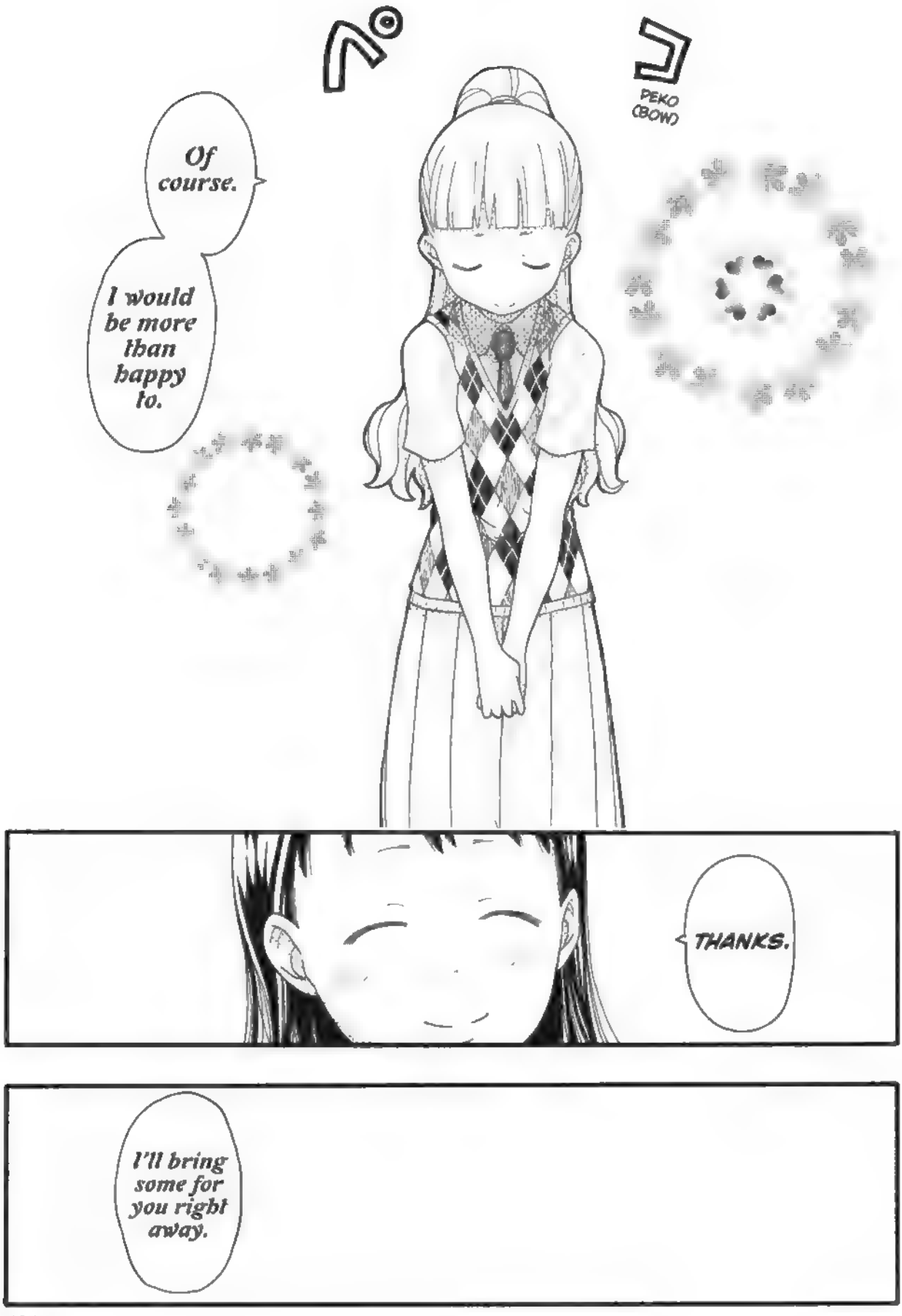

IS THIS WHAT I THINK IT IS?
FORGET YOU!
DUM-MY!

WHAT—? YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY?
WELL, WE'D BETTER BE GOING NOW.

LOTS OF SLEEP IS THE BEST MEDICINE.
I BARELY COULD DO ANYTHING TO HELP.
THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH WE CAN DO FOR SOMEONE WHO'S SICK.


JUST GET SOME REST.
WE'LL BE BACK LATER.

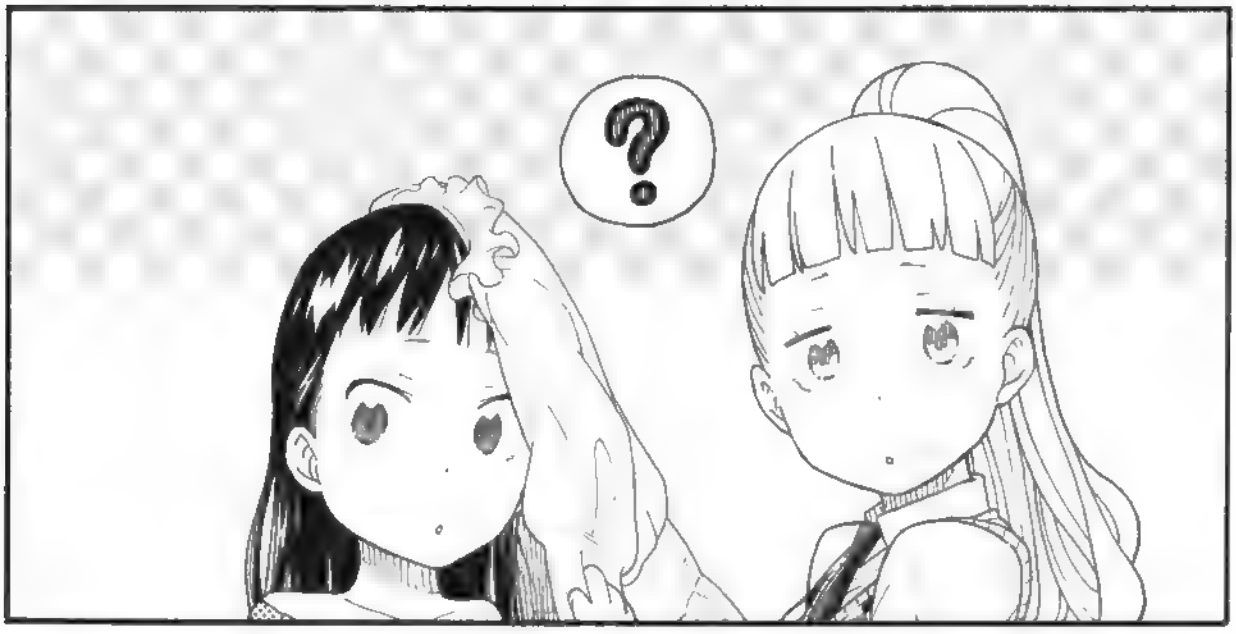
I'M A LITTLE SWEATY.
CAN YOU BRING ME A CHANGE OF CLOTHES?
PATA
PATA (FLAP)
UM, ANYA-SAN?


PEKO (BOW)
Of course.
I would be more than happy to.
THANKS.
I'll bring some for you right away.

KON
KON (KNOCK)
KIRARARARAN (SPARKLY)
FASAA (FWOOSH)
All of yours seem to have gone missing, so if you don't mind wearing one of mine...
I CAN'T HELP BUT WORRY.
BUN (SHAKE) BUN
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
I CAN'T WEAR THAT! WHAT IF I SWEAT SOME MORE AND GET IT ALL GRIMY!?
WHAT IS THAT? THE NEGLIGEE OF AN ANGEL!?

ZUI
(SHOVE)
ER, BUT...
OH, WOW!
IT SMELLS SO NICE...
YOU NEED TO CHANGE BEFORE YOU CATCH A CHILL.

KON
KON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TSUGUMI-CHAN, I MADE YOU SOME PORRIDGE.
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ドニーン
DOSHIN (THWUMP)

SOUL EATER
NOT!

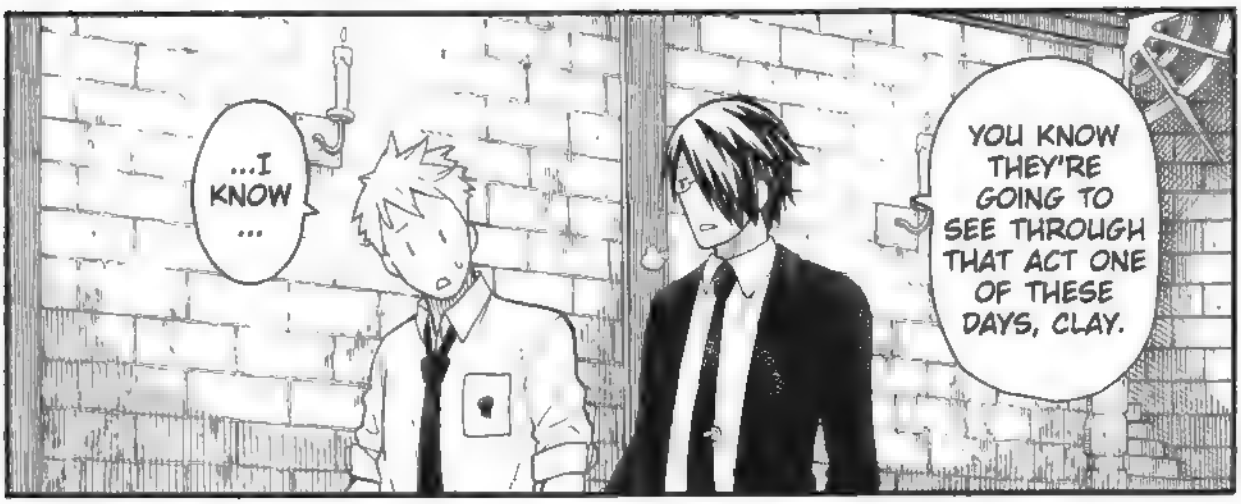
SOUL EATER JOT! PART 10

A JOT TIRESOME

WE'VE BEEN SECRETLY INSERTED INTO THE "NOT" CLASS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF A CERTAIN COUNTRY'S PRINCESS.
NO ONE HERE KNOWS, BUT AKANE AND I BELONG TO DWMA'S CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY...

...DESPITE BEING ELITES EVEN AMONG THE "EAT" CLASS, WE MUST CONVINCINGLY PLAY THE ROLE OF THE MARKEDLY LESS-CAPABLE "NOT" STUDENTS.
WHICH MEANS...

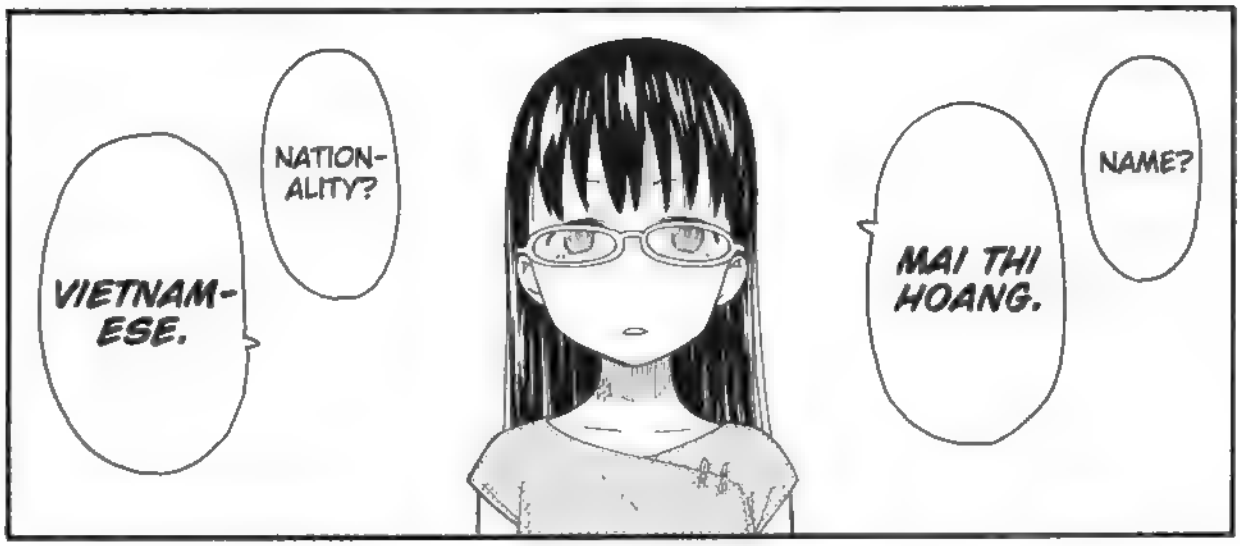
A JOT OF A PRANK



AKANE ACTS LIKE HE'S MR. PERFECT, BUT HE HAS A HIDDEN WEAKNESS.
SOR-RY...
WHAT KIND OF LAME GAG WAS THAT ABOUT THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE? PLEASE...

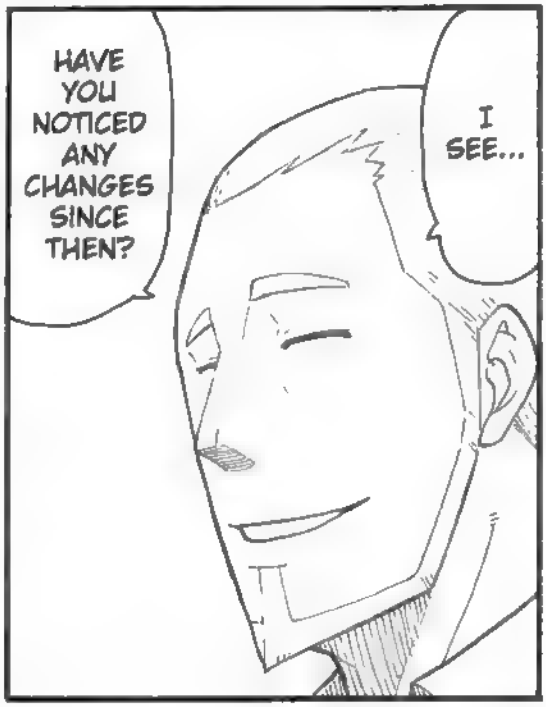
HEY, AKANE.
PON (PAT)
TA
TA
TA (TAK)
TA
TA
BOO!!
BAN (BOOM)
HE'S AFRAID OF MONSTERS!!
I KNOW YOU LIKE THE BACK OF MY HAND, CLAY.
PIKU (TWITCH)
PIKU
AAAAH!!
DOU (DSHH)

A JOT SHAKEN


NAME?
MAI THI HOANG.
NATION-ALITY?
VIETNAM-ESE.

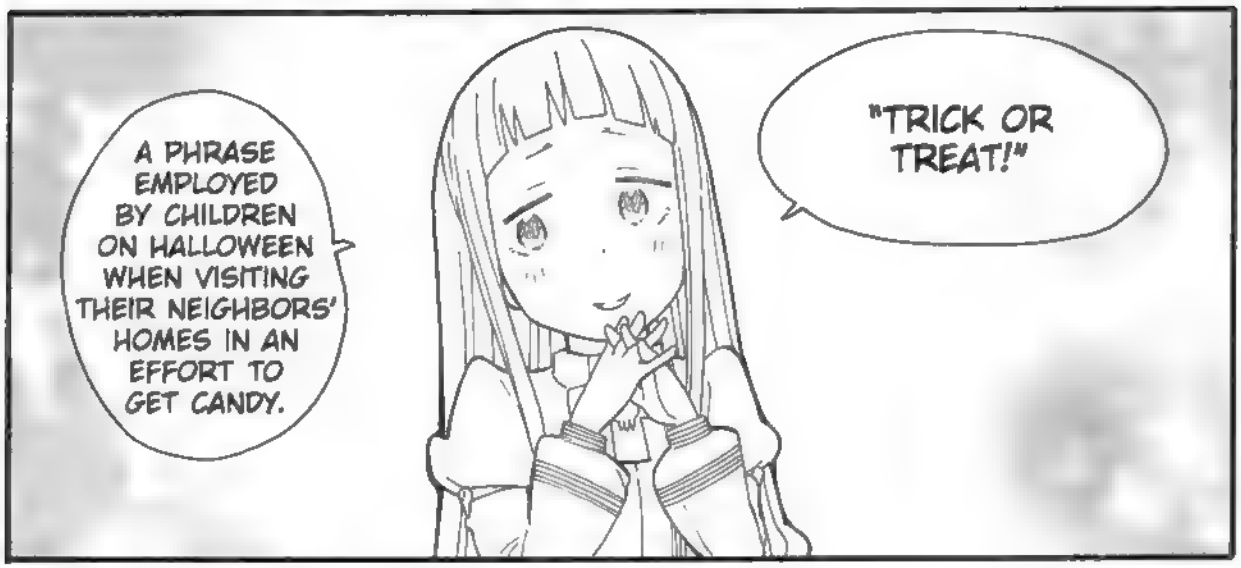
I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT THE INCIDENT IN DEATH BAZAAR.
I'M SORRY ...
I DON'T REALLY REMEM-BER...

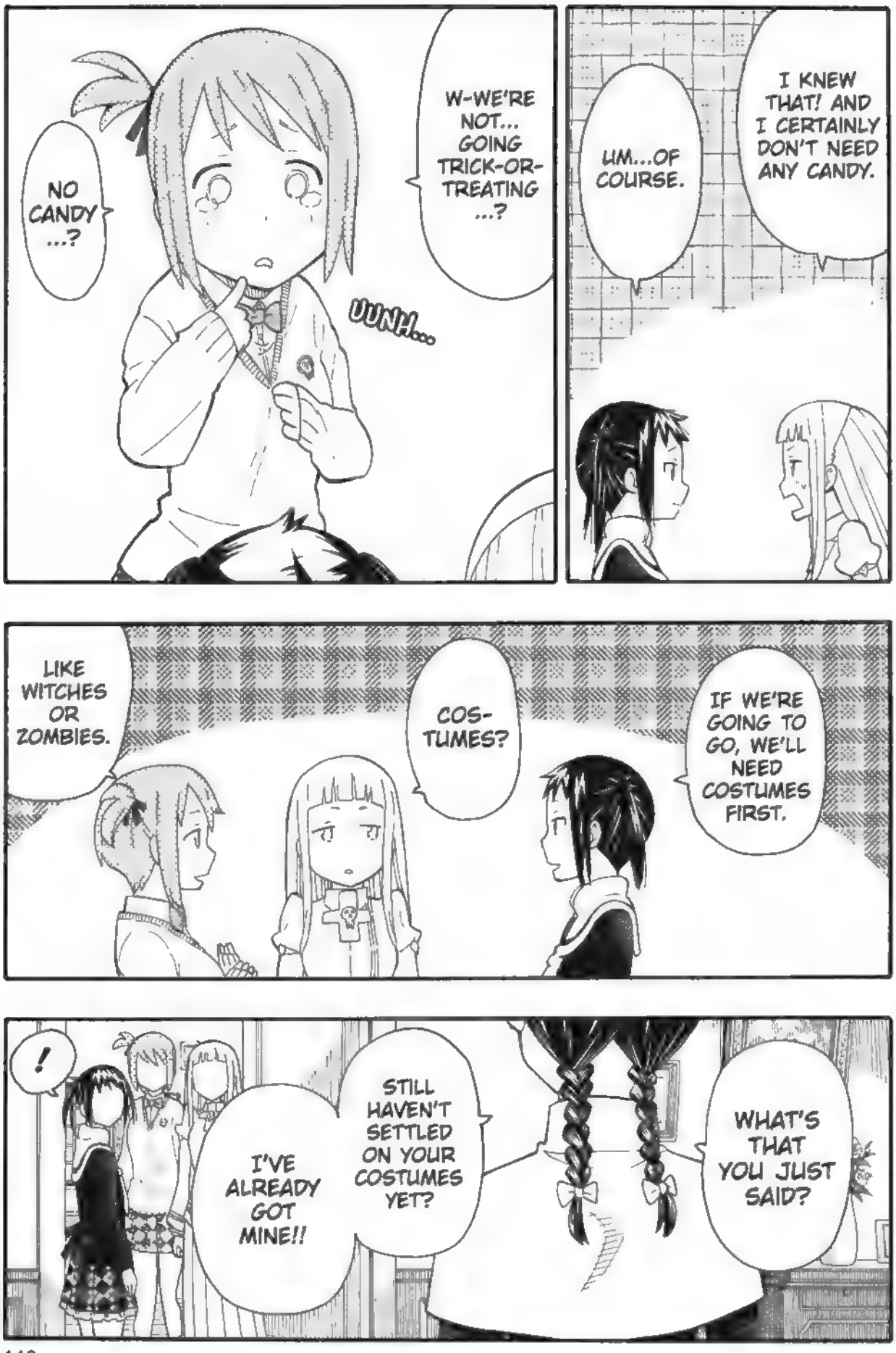
ACTUALLY, I'M FEELING BETTER NOW THAN I DID BEFORE THE INCI-DENT.
I DO HAVE THIS SCAR ON MY NECK, OF COURSE...
...BUT MY RECOVERY IS ALL THANKS TO DR. STEIN.


I SEE...
HAVE YOU NOTICED ANY CHANGES SINCE THEN?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER IF YOU DON'T WANT TO.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? NOT TOO TIRED?
AND YOU HAVEN'T HAD ANY MEMORY LAPSES ASIDE FROM THE ATTACK.
I HAVE JUST ONE MORE QUESTION...
UM, MAI-SAN?
?
NOOO!! I DON'T WANT TO RE-MEM-BER!!
IT SEEMS YOU'RE REGISTERED AT DWMA UNDER A DIFFERENT NAME. UMM, ETER—
GATAN (KTHUMP)

A JOT UNFAMILIAR




W-WE'RE NOT... GOING TRICK-OR-TREATING ...?
UUNH...
NO CANDY ...?
UM...OF COURSE.
I KNEW THAT! AND I CERTAINLY DON'T NEED ANY CANDY.
IF WE'RE GOING TO GO, WE'LL NEED COSTUMES FIRST.
COS-TUMES?
LIKE WITCHES OR ZOMBIES.
WHAT'S THAT YOU JUST SAID?
STILL HAVEN'T SETTLED ON YOUR COSTUMES YET?
I'VE ALREADY GOT MINE!!
!

EEYAAAAAH!!
TRICK...
...OR...
TREAT?
TAKE THIS CANDY, AND LEAVE US ALONE!!
BI (BING)
ISN'T THIS A GREAT COSTUME?
DADADADADA (DASH)

A JOT OF YOUR TIME, AKANE-KUN?

...
カリン カリン
KAKUN
KAKUN (LOUD)
AKANE-KUN!?
AKANE-KUN!?
I KNEW HE'D LET HIS GUARD DOWN WITH HARU-DORI!
HEH HEH HEH!

SOUL EATER
NOT!

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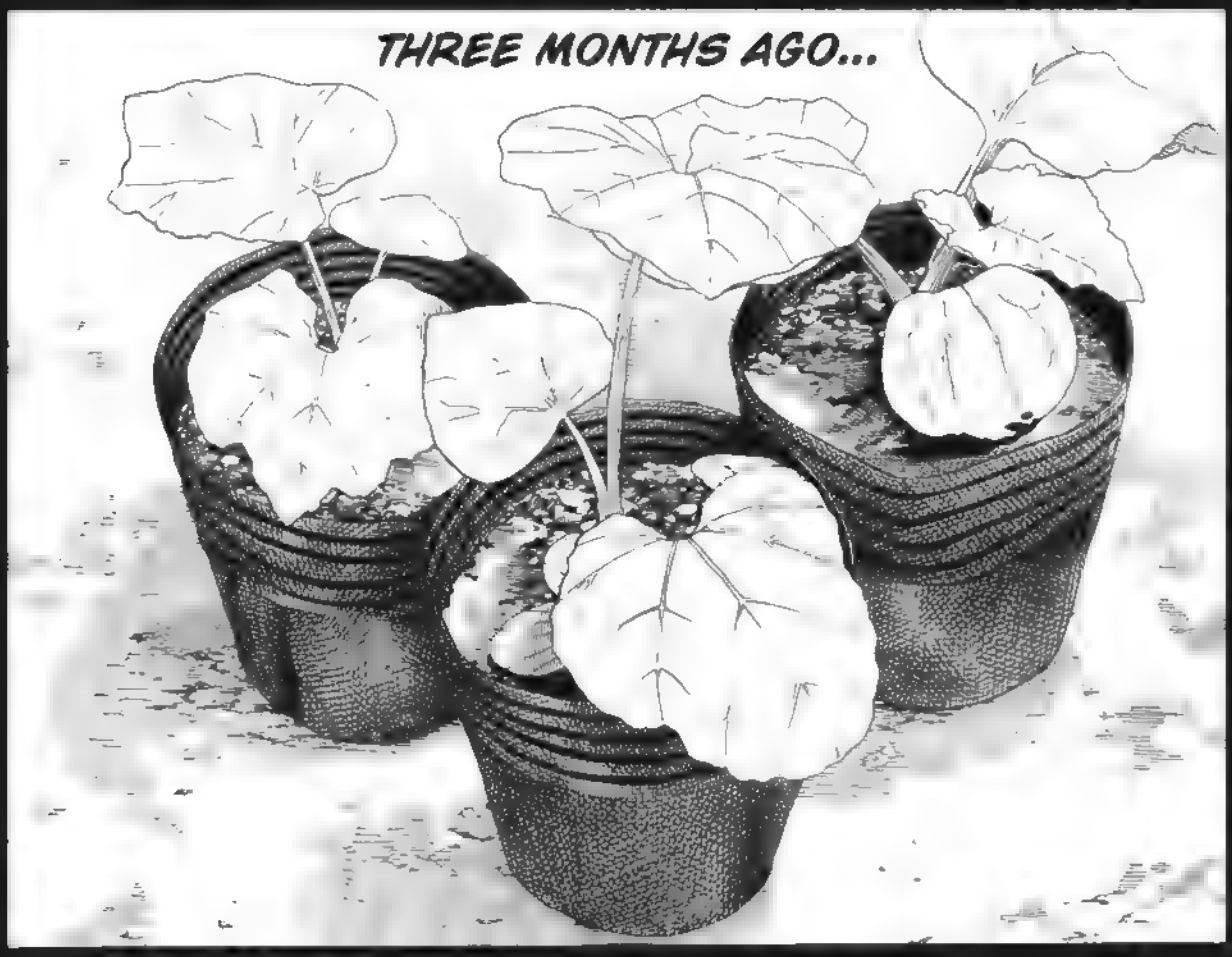
THREE MONTHS AGO...

I'LL PROBABLY FORGET ALL OF THAT.
AFTER PLANTING, THEY'LL GROW FLOWERS THAT HAVE TO BE POLLINATED FOR THEM TO BEAR FRUIT.
SO THESE LITTLE SPROUTS WILL EVENTUALLY TURN INTO PUMPKINS.

SUKU
SUKU
SUKU (GROW)

SOUL EATER NOT!

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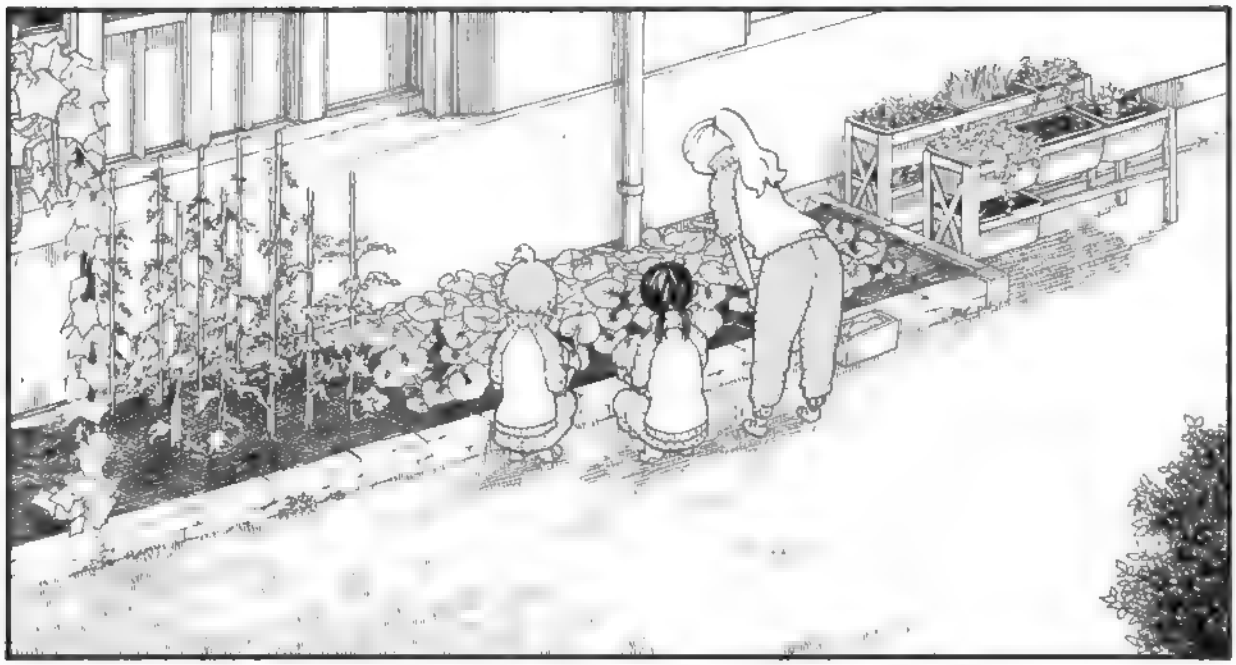
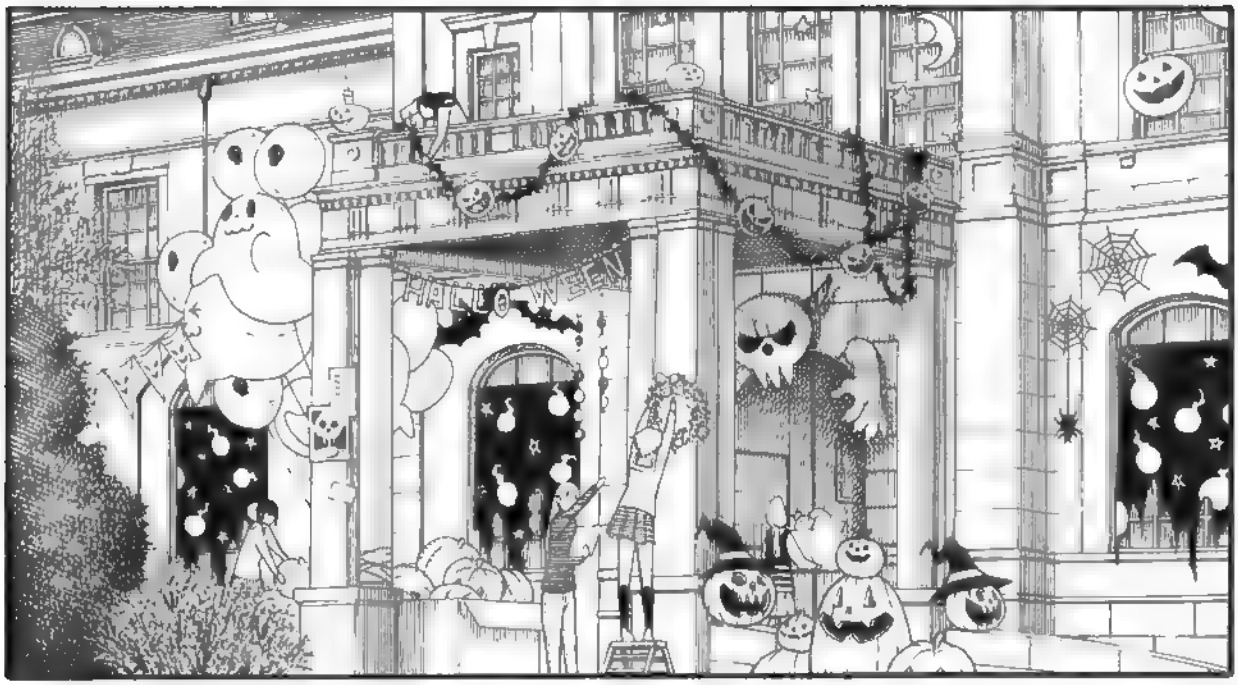
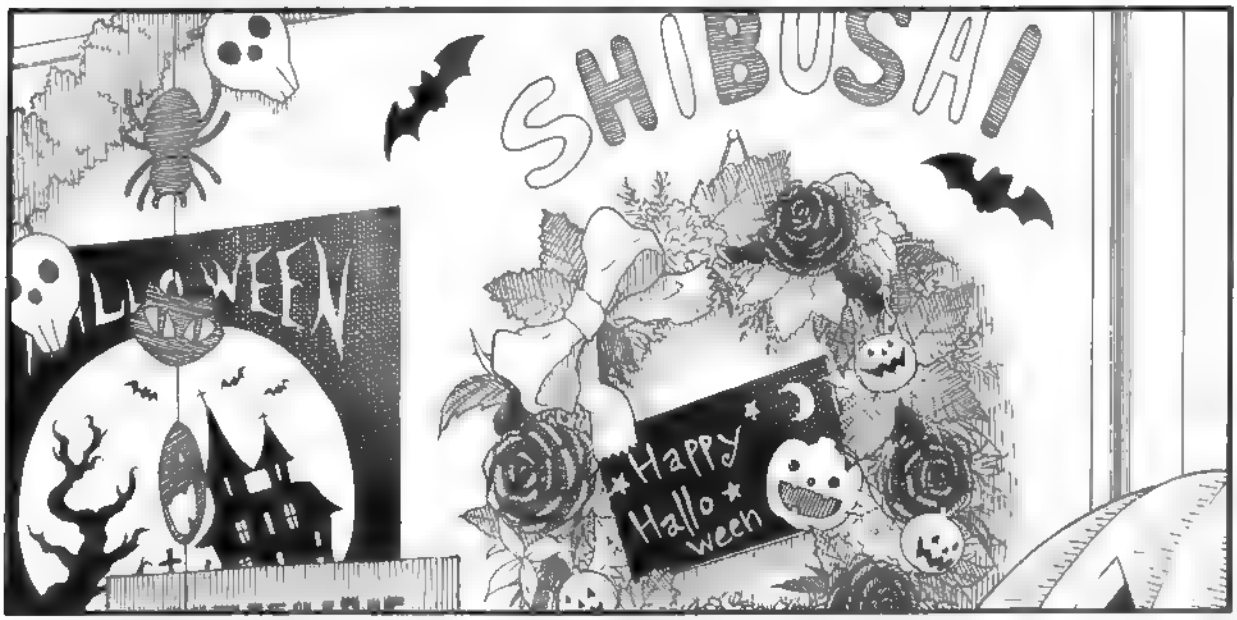


NEXT YOU CARVE OUT THE PUMPKIN TO MAKE IT A JACK-O'-LANTERN, RIGHT? LET'S WASH THEM OFF AND BRING THEM INSIDE.
NOT
WE'VE SPENT THREE MONTHS RAISING THEM, REMEMBER?
NOT
NOT
WHERE DID THESE PUMPKINS COME FROM...?

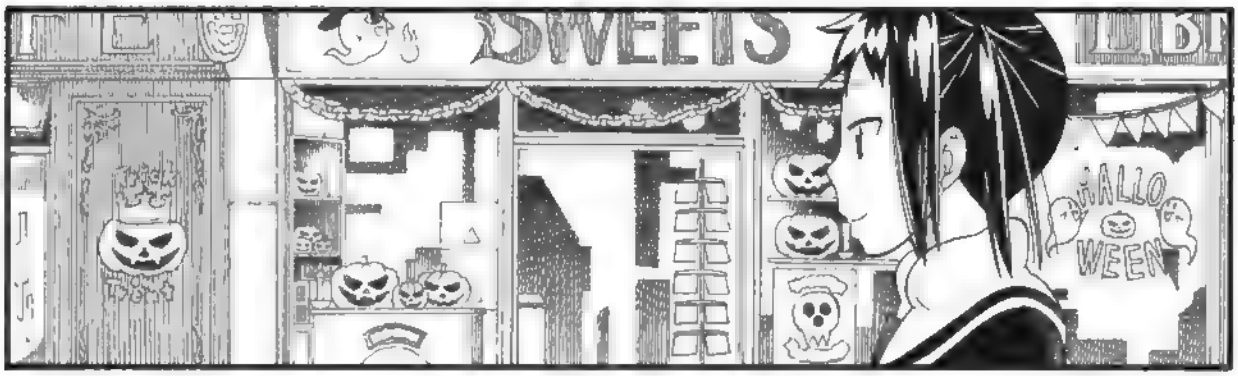

HALLOWEEN

DEATH
HALLOWEEN


SHIBUSAI
Happy
Hallo
ween

POSTER: DEATH FEST

DEATH CITY IS ALL ABUZZ WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL DEATH FESTIVAL, HELD ON OCTOBER 31...
DEATH


SWEETS

I'M EXCITED... AND A LITTLE SCARED.
I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE BIG DAY.

IT'S ALWAYS NEAT TO SEE THE ENTIRE TOWN IN A FESTIVE MOOD.

DID YOU FORGET AGAIN, MEME-CHAN?
IS SOME-THING SCARY SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN?

BATTLE FESTIVAL
DEATH FESTIVAL HAS A BIG FIGHTING TOURNAMENT FOR THE "EAT" STUDENTS, REMEMBER?

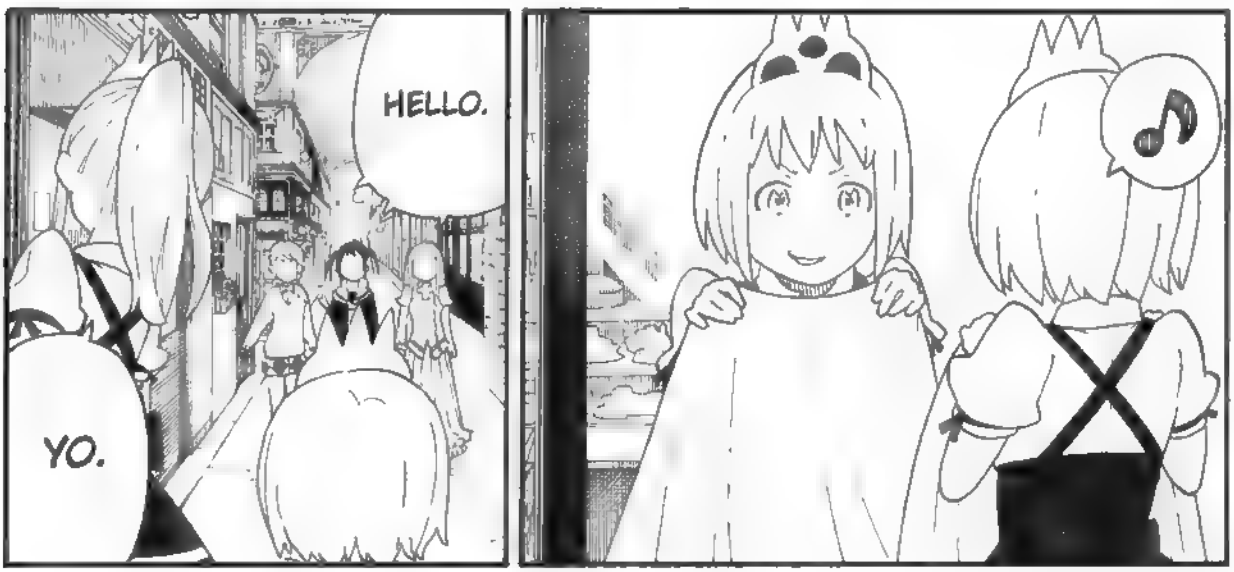
I choose battle! Yeah!
FIGHT!
Trick or battle!

I'M GOING WITH BLACK STAR. HE WON IT ALL LAST YEAR.
WHO DID YOU BET ON THIS TIME?

THERE ARE BATTLES ALL OVER DEATH CITY...I WONDER IF THE TOWNSPEOPLE ARE ALSO A BIT SCARED ABOUT IT...

THAT'S DEATH VEGAS FOR YOU: EVERYTHING TURNS INTO GAMBLING...

Cat's Sweet
products
thing below


HELLO.
YO.

IT'S EVEN HALLOW-EEN-Y IN HERE.
HALLOWEEN

ACTU-ALLY, I THINK HE'S JUST COMING BACK.
MASTER'S OUT RIGHT NOW.
WE WERE HOPING TO PUT UP THIS POSTER IN THE CAFÉ.

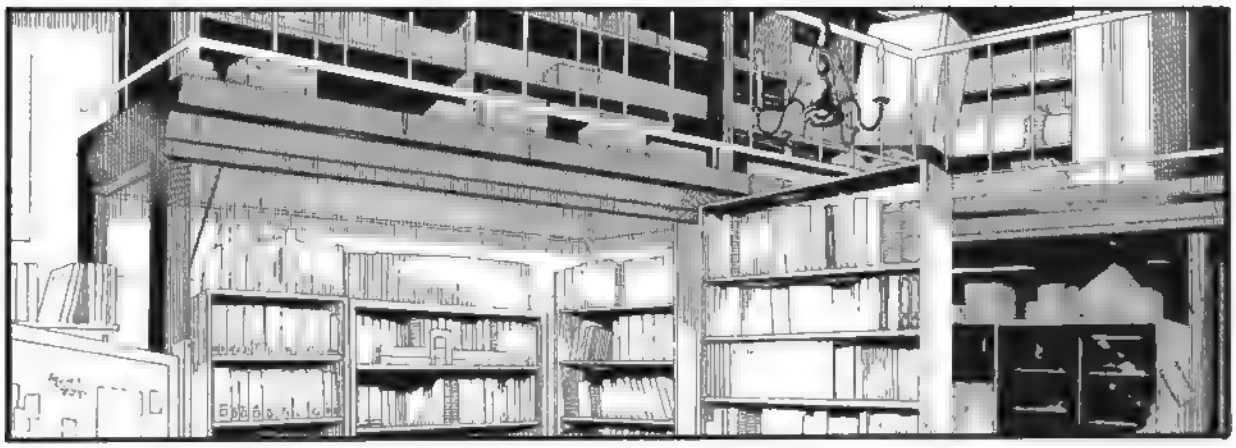
THAT'S A CUTE LITTLE VEHICLE YOU HAVE THERE.
HUH ...?
DO I LOOK WEIRD ON IT?

WELCOME, GIRLS.
HERE I AM.

EYAAA!!
BOOO!!
DORU
GOOMO
NOT THEIR VALUABLES, THEIR CANDY... AND AS A BUSINESS, WE'RE HANDING IT OUT, NOT TAKING IT...
THAT SCARED ME...
YOU USE THIS STUFF TO SCARE PEOPLE INTO HANDIN' OVER THEIR VALUABLES, RIGHT? I CAN'T FRIKKIN' WAIT.

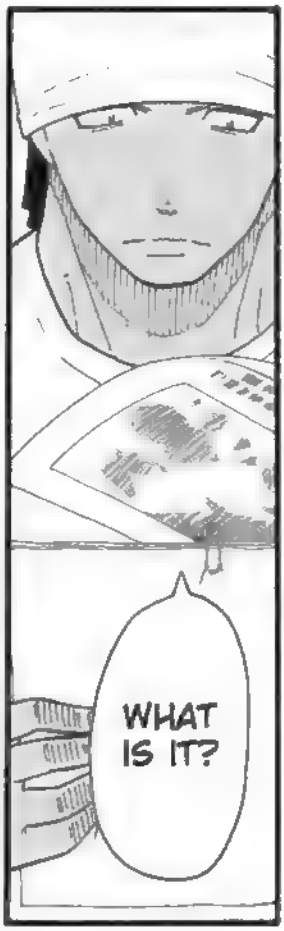
AT ANY RATE, EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE ENJOYING THEMSELVES.

IN-CLUDING ME. ♪



SID-SENSEI, LOOK AT THIS...
IT'S KINDA CREEPY, ACTUALLY.
ALL THOSE TRAITORS OUT THERE, BUT WE HAVEN'T SEEN A SINGLE ONE IN AGES.
SU (SSK)

...BUT THERE'S BEEN A SERIES OF THEFTS WITHIN DWMA... THIS IS A LIST OF EVERY-THING THAT'S BEEN TAKEN.
IT MIGHT HAVE NO RELATION TO THE WITCHES...


WHAT IS IT?

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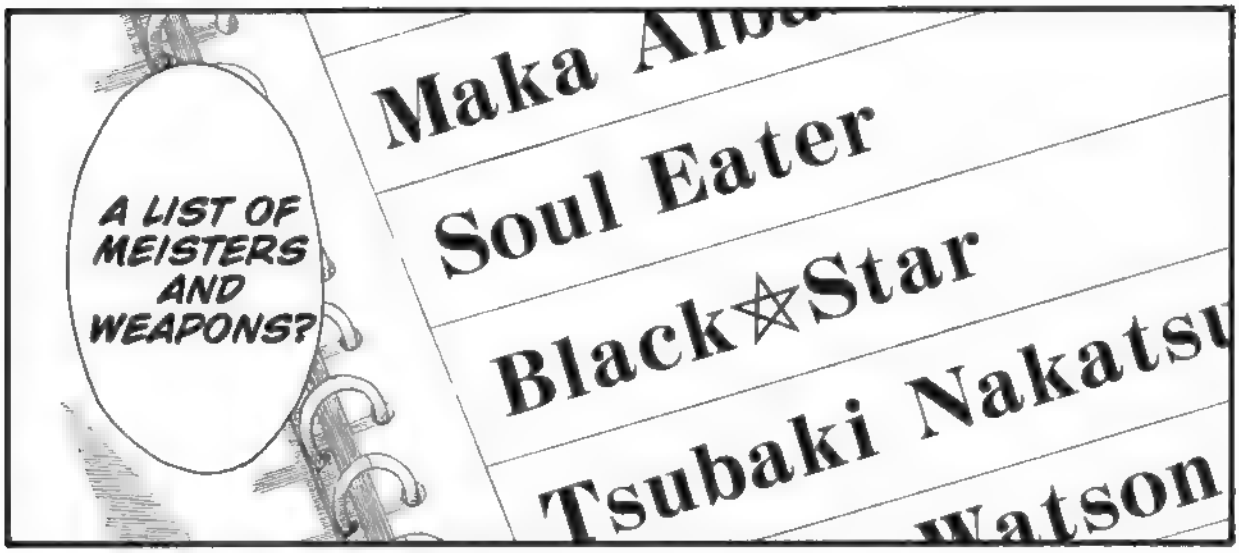
LOTS OF HIGHLY CLASSIFIED MATERIAL...
BANNED BOOKS, INVESTI-GATION REPORTS FROM PAST CASES...



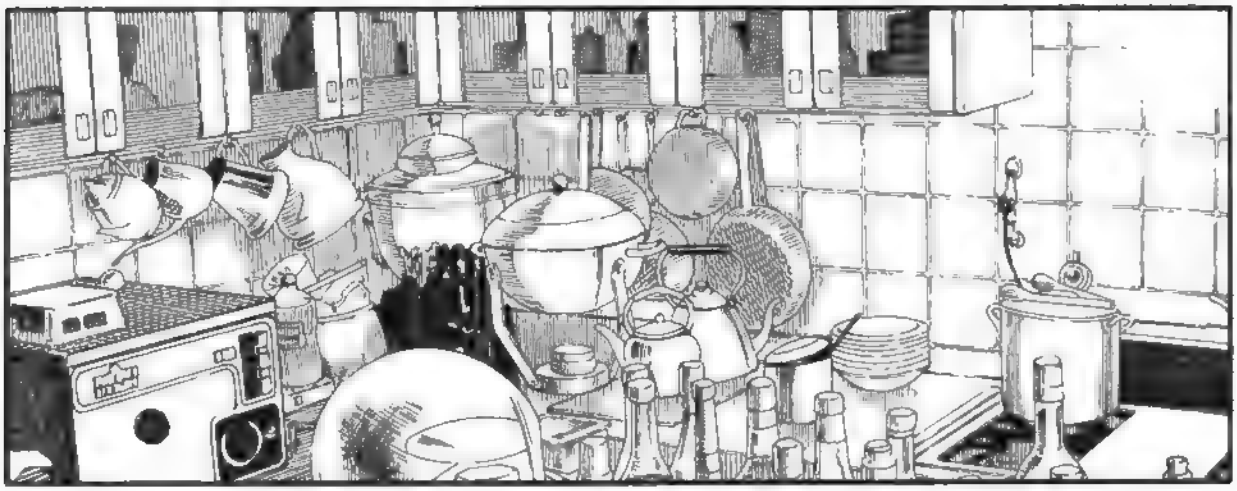
POSTER: DEATH FEST

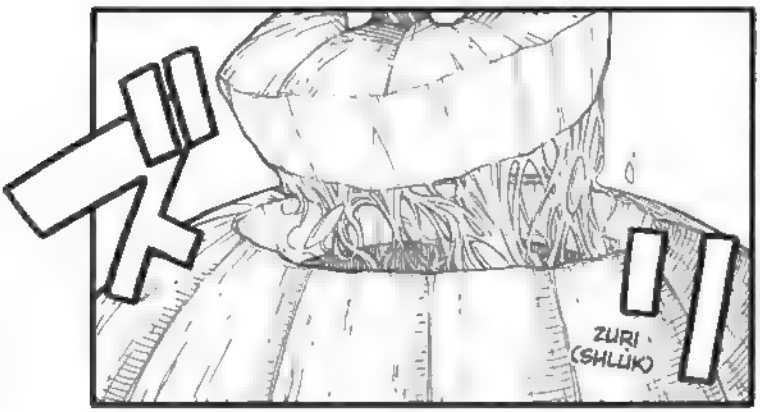
WANNA DRESS UP AND GET SOME CANDY INSTEAD?
THE BATTLE TOURNAMENT'S ONLY FOR THE "EAT" CLASS, AND NOW THAT WE'RE REGISTERED AS "NOT"s...

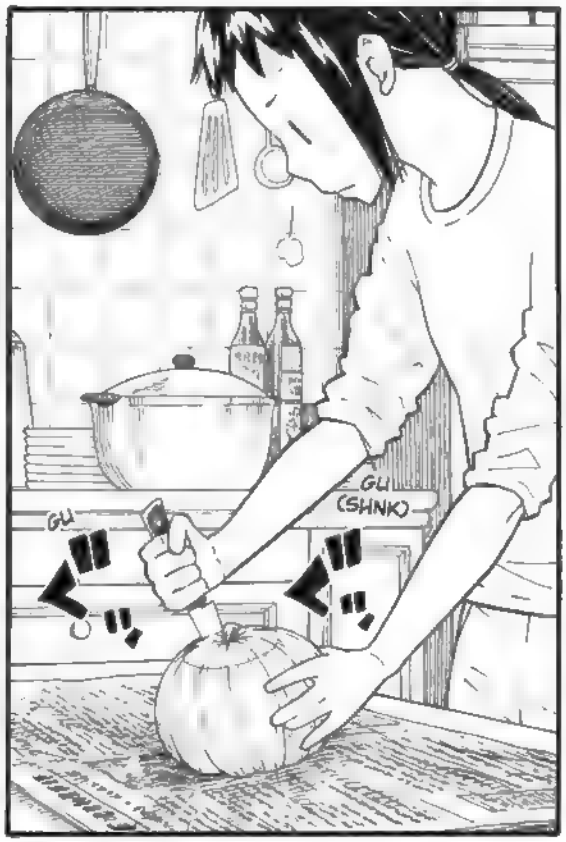
HUH?
WE COULD GO WITCH-HUNTING DRESSED AS WITCHES.
HUH?
THE DEATH FESTIVAL IS ON HALLOW-EEN.

SHUT UP!
CLAY, YOUR JOB IS TO DETECT AND INVESTIGATE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY...HOW CAN YOU BE SO GULLIBLE?
SIGH...
ARE YOU... SERI-OUS?

IT'S PERFECT! YOU LOOK GREAT.
I'M SO GLAD I MADE THIS OUTFIT FOR HER, JUST FOR THIS DAY!
.....
WELL, A REAL WITCH WOULD NEVER BE SO OBVI-OUS.
IT'S A DIS-GUISE.
HMM...ARE REAL WITCHES SUPPOSED TO DRESS LIKE THIS?
BRIL-LIANT.
BI (PWIP)
DIS-GUISE ...




ZURI
(SHLLIK)


GU
GU
(SHNK)

OKAY!
♪
DON'T THROW AWAY THE TOP. THAT BECOMES THE LID WHEN WE'RE DONE.

DON'T CRUSH THE PUMPKIN WITH YOUR BRUTE STRENGTH, MEME-SAN.
HOJI
HOJI
(SHRRK)
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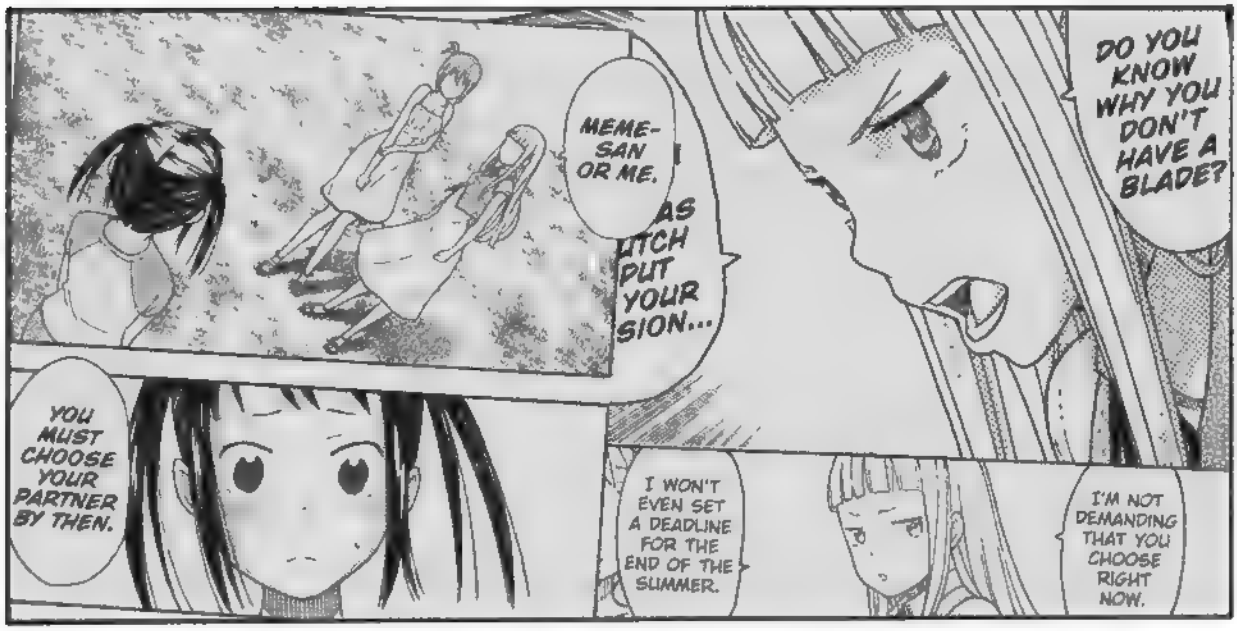
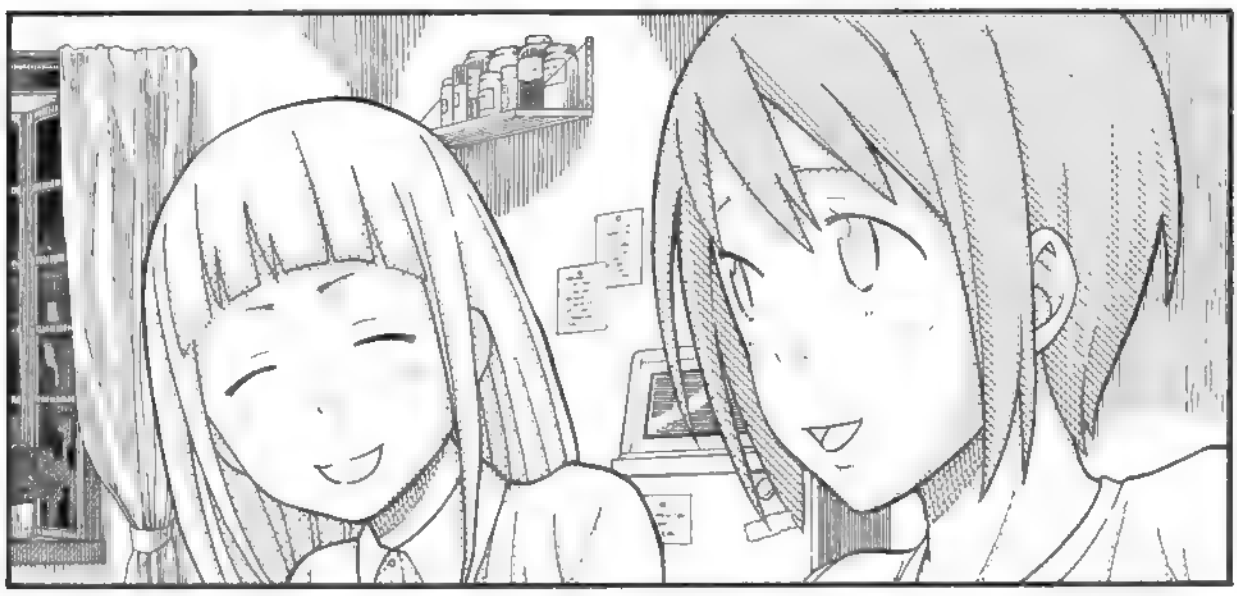
ほじ
HRNNH... RRH...


DO YOU KNOW WHY YOU DON'T HAVE A BLADE?
MEME-SAN OR ME.
AS ITCH PUT YOUR SION...
YOU MUST CHOOSE YOUR PARTNER BY THEN.
I WON'T EVEN SET A DEADLINE FOR THE END OF THE SUMMER.
I'M NOT DEMANDING THAT YOU CHOOSE RIGHT NOW.

...BUT I HAVE TO CHOOSE ONE OF THEM TO BE MY PARTNER BY THE DEATH FESTIVAL...
IT'S SO MUCH FUN HANGING OUT WITH ANYA-SAN AND MEME-SAN...



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GOSU
GOSU (WHOK)
ゴス
ALL DONE! NOW ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO WAIT FOR DEATH FEST.

BATTLE FESTIVAL

HEY, MAKA?
DO YOU WIN SOMETHING FOR BEING CHAMPION OF THE BATTLE FESTIVAL?
HMM? I'M DEADDD ...

OH, THE REWARD FOR THE BATTLE TOURNA-MENT?
YOU GET TO MEET WITH SHINIGAMI-SAMA IN PERSON.
YOU REALLY GOTTA STOP SAYING YOU'RE "DEAD" AS A DEFAULT ANSWER... IT SCARES ME.
SORRY, WHAT WERE YOU SAYING?
FUKI (WIPE)
FUKI

UMM... YOU MEAN, LIKE, THE SHINIGAMI-SAMA?
I DUNNO. I'M NOT SURE I'M FEELING THIS ANY-MORE...
DON'T BE SILLY!
BLACK STAR BEAT US FOR IT LAST TIME. WE NEED TO BE THE CHAMPIONS THIS YEAR!!
CHAMPI-ONS...?
LOOK, YOU'RE GOOD IN THE CLASSROOM, BUT YOU'RE NOT MUCH OF A FIGHTER, YOU KNOW?
BU (WHOOSH)
WE NEED TO SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE TO THE "NOT"s.

A MEISTER AND WEAPON ARE TWO OF ONE MIND!!
GU (CLENCH)
GUESS WE MIGHT AS WELL GIVE IT A SHOT!!
SOUL RESO-NANCE, EH...?
AS LONG AS WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER AND LET OUR SOULS RESONATE...
...WE CAN BEAT EVEN THE MOST POWERFUL FOES!!

SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE REALLY CRACKING DOWN ON STREET VENDORS.
SEEMS KINDA CRUEL, SINCE THE DAYS LEADING UP TO THE DEATH FESTIVAL ARE THE BEST TIME FOR TOURISTS.
RIGHT, WITCH-LADY?

INDEED.

YOU'RE FROM DWMA? GO RIGHT AHEAD.
HALLO WEEN
MISS WITCH, CAN I TRY THIS ON?
A LITTLE EARLY TO BE IN COSTUME ALREADY, ISN'T IT...?
EVERY-WHERE YOU LOOK, IT'S NOTHING BUT WITCHES...

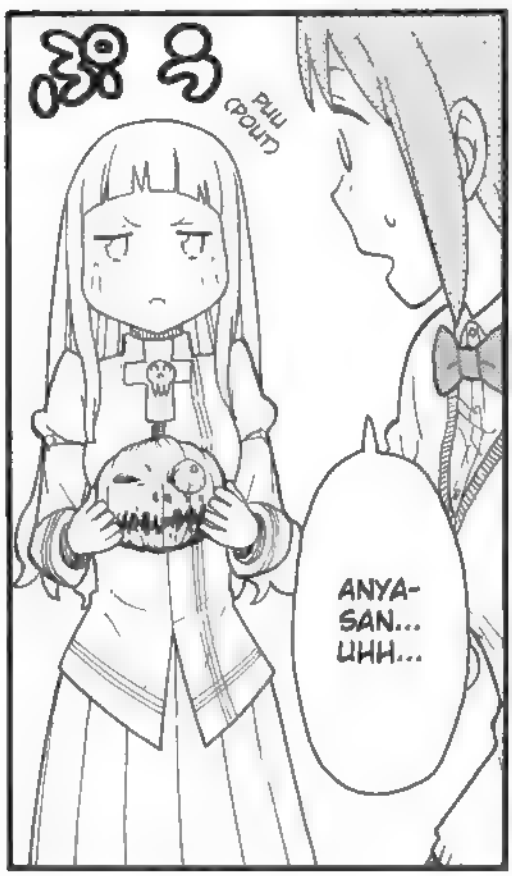
THE PREPARA-TIONS FOR THE DEATH FESTIVAL MOVE ALONG...

ガチャ
GACHA
GACHAKO
WE'RE BACK.

THE PUMPKIN LANTERNS ARE ALL FINISHED !!

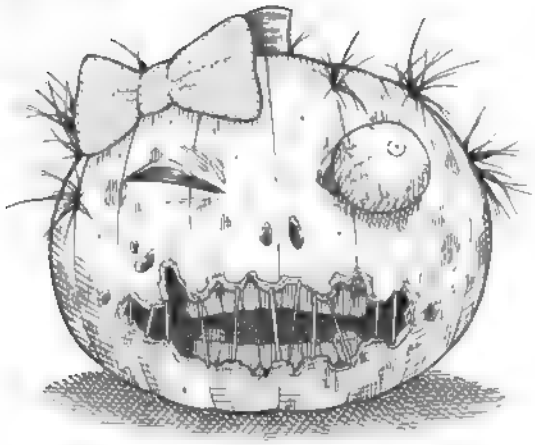
HEE-HEE! IT'S A SECRET.
WHAT DID YOU BUY!?

I GOT OUR COSTUMES FOR THE BIG DAY. ♪


PULL (POUT)
ANYA-SAN... UHH...

YOUR PUMPKIN IS CUTE TOO, MEME-CHAN!!
I WISH I COULD MARRY YOU RIGHT THIS INSTANT.
WELL DONE, TSUGUMI-CHAN! YOU'RE SO CRAFTSY!
URI
URI
URI
URI (RUB)

YOU TOLD ME TO MAKE A PUMPKIN MONSTER, TSUGUMI-SAN!!
AHHH, SCARY!!
HYAN (RAWR)
IT'S CREEP-TACULAR.
YOUR JACK-O'-LANTERN IS VERY...HARD-CORE...
I...
...I GUESS YOU'D RATHER NOT...
PUPUNSU (HARRUMPH)
PUNSU
SHALL WE PUT A RIBBON ON IT?
PI (BING)
KON
LETTER, TSUGUMI.
KON (KNOCK)
KON
HUH?
STICK IT ON.



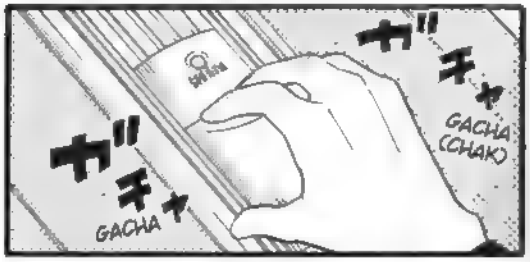
YEAH!
OH!♪ IT'S FROM MY MOM.
THANK YOU, KANA-SAN.

...IT'S A MON-STER.
TAJI
TAJI (CRINGE)
DO YOU GO OUT AND GET CANDY WITH THE REST OF THE KIDS ON HALLOWEEN, KANA-SAN?
THAT THING ...
SU (SSK)

NO WAY...
ヤキ
KAKI (SHIFT)
ヤキ
KAKI
OUCH...
HEY, STOP THAT!
EVIL SPIRITS, BEGONE.
SHUBA (PWAP)
BA
BA
QUEEN ALIEN!
スタコラ
SUTAKORA (SCAMPER)
AND YOU'RE NOT GETTING ANY CANDY FROM ME!!
...TSU-GUMI-SAN?
RIGHT, TSUGUMI-SAN?
THIS IS THE TRUE HALLOW-EEN!

?

NO WAY...


GACHA
GACHA (CHAK)

GACHA
GACHA
WHAT'S THE MATTER, TSUGUMI-SAN? PLEASE, JUST CALM DOWN.

I'M GOING HOME.
GARA (CLUNK)
HUH?
WAIT, TSUGUMI-SAN!

!

GACHA
GACHA

WHY !!?
AHI
KACHIN (CHINK)
カチン
Pochi was in an accident
o have surgery
won't make it
POTA (DRIP)
GEEZ !!
BA (WHAM)
WHY ...?
WHY WON'T THIS STUPID THING OPEN!?

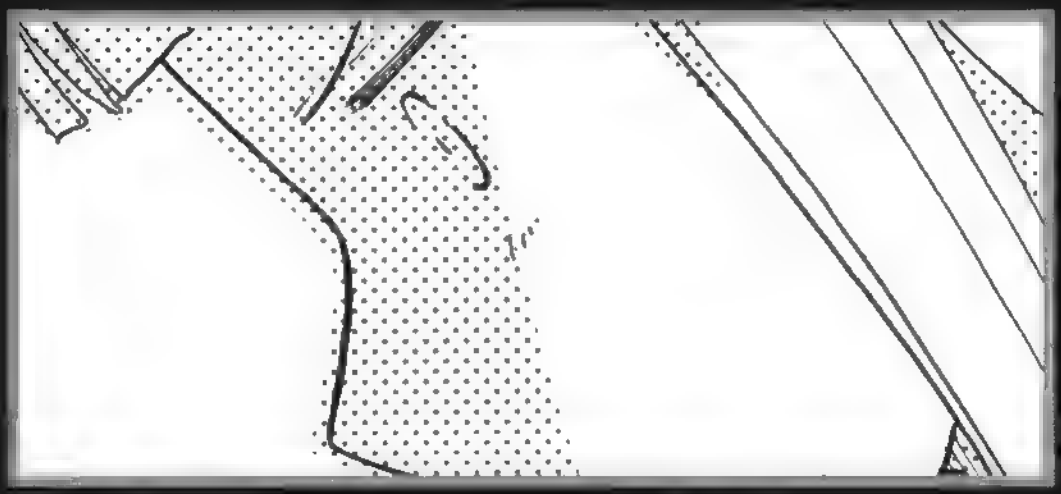
KII
CCREAK)
YOU'LL FEEL BETTER IF YOU GET SOMETHING IN YOUR STOMACH.
I DON'T WANT ANYTHING RIGHT NOW.
I MADE YOU SOME RICE BALLS, TSUGUMI-SAN. I'LL JUST LEAVE THEM HERE.

I GOT OUR COSTUMES FOR THE BIG DAY. ♪
GACHA (KACHAK)
I'M BACK!
?
SUCH A CRAFTER! I WISH I COULD MARRY YOU!
WELL DONE, TSUGUMI-CHAN!
MEME-SAN...
!
GU (CLENCH)
ARE YOU IN PAIN?
HUH...? TSUGUMI-CHAN, WHAT'S WRONG?
WHY DO YOU FORGET?

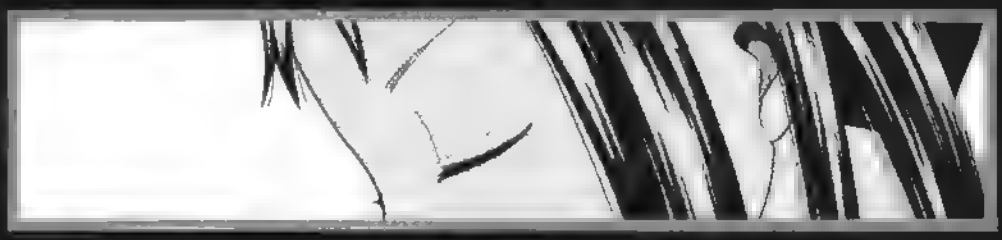
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS FORGET EVERY-THING SO EASILY?
IT'S AWFUL... YOU FORGET THE SAD THINGS, THE HAPPY THINGS...
YOU EVEN FORGOT WHAT JUST HAP-PENED!
I BET YOU'RE GOING TO FORGET ALL ABOUT ME ONE OF THESE DAYS TOO!!

SOUL EATER NOT! 4 END

IN THE NEXT VOL-UME OF SOUL EATER NOT!



THE STUN-NING CON-CLU-SION!



IT'S A SAVAGE BUT SUPER-FUN LIFE! ♪

SOUL EATER NOT! CONCLUDES IN VOLUME 5!!

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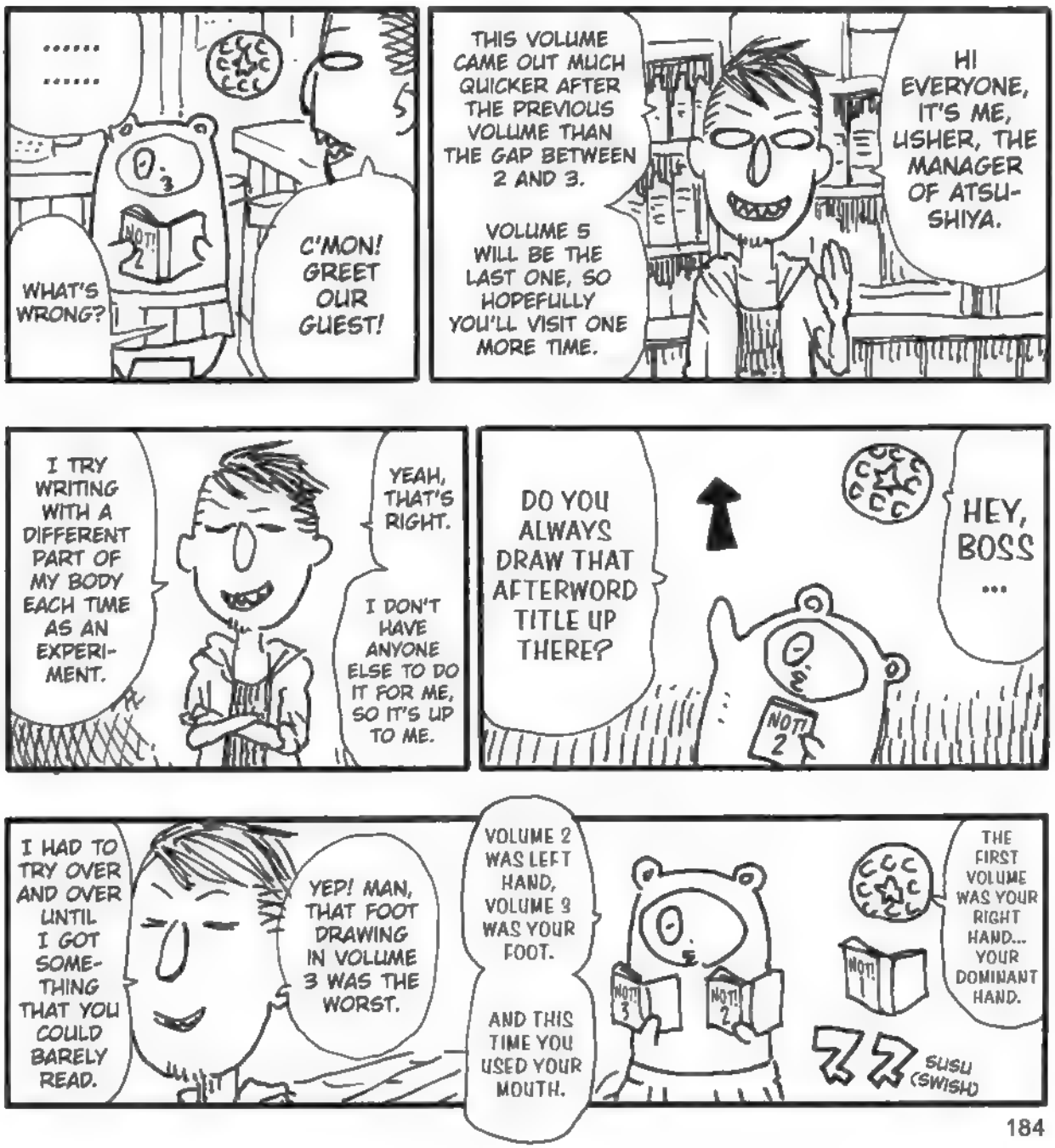
Afterword Manga Atsushiya Not! Location

Title designed by:
Me (Mouth)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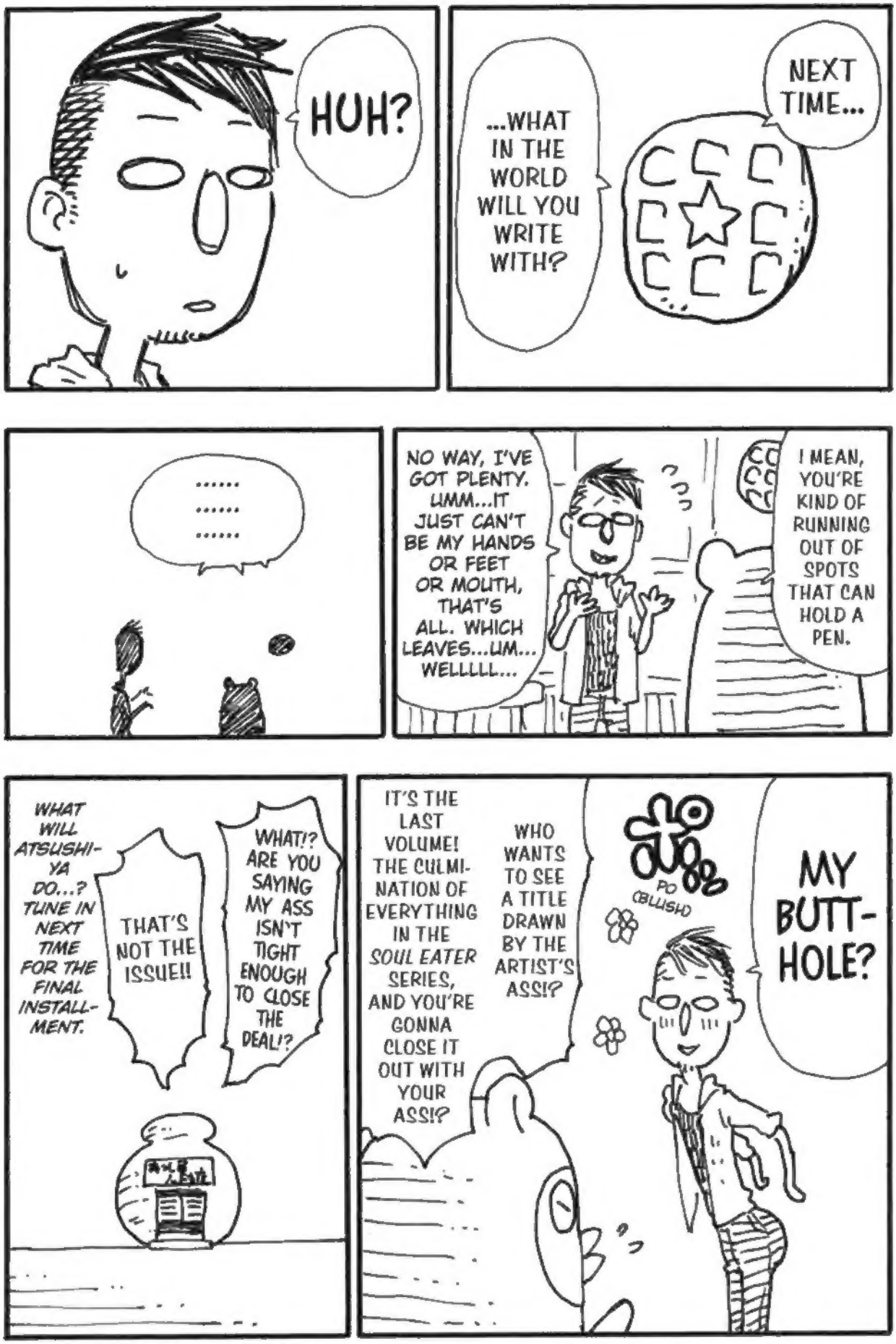
WHAT'S WRONG?
C'MON! GREET OUR GUEST!
THIS VOLUME CAME OUT MUCH QUICKER AFTER THE PREVIOUS VOLUME THAN THE GAP BETWEEN 2 AND 3.
VOLUME 5 WILL BE THE LAST ONE, SO HOPEFULLY YOU'LL VISIT ONE MORE TIME.
HI EVERYONE, IT'S ME, USHER, THE MANAGER OF ATSU-SHIYA.
I TRY WRITING WITH A DIFFERENT PART OF MY BODY EACH TIME AS AN EXPERI-MENT.
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
I DON'T HAVE ANYONE ELSE TO DO IT FOR ME, SO IT'S UP TO ME.
DO YOU ALWAYS DRAW THAT AFTERWORD TITLE UP THERE?
HEY, BOSS ...
NOT! 2
I HAD TO TRY OVER AND OVER UNTIL I GOT SOME-THING THAT YOU COULD BARELY READ.
YEP! MAN, THAT FOOT DRAWING IN VOLUME 3 WAS THE WORST.
VOLUME 2 WAS LEFT HAND, VOLUME 3 WAS YOUR FOOT.
AND THIS TIME YOU USED YOUR MOUTH.
NOT! 3
NOT! 2
NOT! 1
THE FIRST VOLUME WAS YOUR RIGHT HAND... YOUR DOMINANT HAND.
77 SUSU (SWISH)


HUH?
...WHAT IN THE WORLD WILL YOU WRITE WITH?
NEXT TIME...
.....
.....
.....
NO WAY, I'VE GOT PLENTY. UMM...IT JUST CAN'T BE MY HANDS OR FEET OR MOUTH, THAT'S ALL. WHICH LEAVES...UM... WELLLLL...
I MEAN, YOU'RE KIND OF RUNNING OUT OF SPOTS THAT CAN HOLD A PEN.
WHAT WILL ATSUSHI-YA DO...? TUNE IN NEXT TIME FOR THE FINAL INSTALL-MENT.
THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE!!
WHAT!? ARE YOU SAYING MY ASS ISN'T TIGHT ENOUGH TO CLOSE THE DEAL!?
IT'S THE LAST VOLUME! THE CULMI-NATION OF EVERYTHING IN THE SOUL EATER SERIES, AND YOU'RE GONNA CLOSE IT OUT WITH YOUR ASS!?
WHO WANTS TO SEE A TITLE DRAWN BY THE ARTIST'S ASS!?
PO
(BLUSH)
MY BUTT-HOLE?

SIGN: ATSUSHIYA NOT! LOCATION

Translation Notes

Common Honorifics

no honorific: Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.

-san: The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.

-sama: Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.

-kun: Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.

-chan: An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

-senpai: A suffix used to address upperclassmen or more experienced coworkers.

-sensei: A respectful term for teachers, artists, or high-level professionals.

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***Ganguro*:** Used here as a pun on "Anglo-Saxon," *Ganguro* describes a fashion trend that developed in Japan in rebellion against the traditional notion of Japanese beauty. Common trademarks of the style include a dark tan, bleached or dyed hair, white eye and lip makeup, and brightly-colored clothing and accessories.

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***Takenoko-zoku*:** The *Takenoko-zoku* (Bamboo Shoot Tribe) was a youth subculture centered around Tokyo in the late '70s to early '80s. Teenagers formed tight-knit dance troupes that would put on street performances to disco music played on boom boxes.

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